



*Building A Better Community*

**General Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 27, 2018 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**[American Jewish University](#)**

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

<b><u>2017/2018 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Not Present</u></b>
<b>Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association</b>		
<i>Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair</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, Bylaws, Rules &amp; Elections Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA) [Formerly RVA]</b>		
<i>Robin Greenberg, President</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Michael Kemp (notified of absence)</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Bel Air Ridge HOA (Alternate Desiree Lapin)</b>		
<i>André Stojka</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Benedict Canyon Association (Alternates: Matt Post &amp; David Scott Kadin)</b>		
<i>Robert (Bob) Schlesinger, PLU Committee Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Don Loze</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Nickie Miner, Vice President</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Mindy Rothstein Mann</i>	<b>X</b>	

<b>2017/2018 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
<b>Casiano Estates Association</b>		
<i>Sam Sanandaji, DPM</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts</b>		
<i>Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Treasurer</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Custodians of Open Space</b>		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D.</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Faith-Based Organizations</b>		
<i>Maureen Smith</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Franklin-Coldwater District</b>		
<i>Jeremy Summer</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>K-6 Private Schools</b>		
<i>John Amato</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>7-12 Private Schools</b>		
<i>Jon Wimbish</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 (Alternate: Heather Roy)</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 (notified of absence)</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Members-at-Large</b>		
<i>Dan Love</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Chuck Maginnis, Emergency Preparedness Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	

<u>2017/2018 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
<i>Pamela Pierson, M.D.</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Member-at-Large / Youth Seat</b>		
<i>Robinson (Rob) Farber</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>North of Sunset District</b>		
<i>Luis Pardo</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Ellen Evans (notified of absence)</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Residents of Beverly Glen</b>		
<i>Robert A. Ringler, Secretary</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Dan Palmer</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7</b>

1. **Call to Order:** Robin Greenberg called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. **Roll Call** Robin called the roll with 19 present and quorum met. Jackie arrived at 7:07 pm, Irene shortly thereafter, Pamela & Dan Palmer by 7:20, Luis by 7:22; Mindy shortly thereafter, for a total of 25 present.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of June 27, 2018 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)  
**Moved** by Cathy **seconded** by André; **19 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; Approved**
5. **Approval of May 23, 2018 Minutes (Attachment A)** Copy was circulated with agenda.  
**Moved** by Larry; **seconded** by Kathy Copcutt; **19 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; Approved**
6. **Public Comment:** Ethan Senser related that he is with “Stand LA.” a coalition of community groups, that seek to end neighborhood/urban oil drilling. He asked us to agendize a CIS asking City Council to support a human health and safety buffer that prohibits oil drilling and gas extraction within 2,500 feet of sensitive land uses including homes, schools, early childhood centers, senior centers, hospitals and medical clinics, parks, etc. He presented literature, printouts of the City Council motion signed by six councilmembers & a resolution with sample CIS, along with CISs from 15 LA neighborhood councils. See CF#17-0447:  
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-0447>

### Reports of Officers

7. **President’s Report – Robin Greenberg** related that yesterday she saw Paul Koretz twice, in the a.m., at a meeting with the Dept. of B&S, which was attended by many, and again in the evening at an event.
  - a. **Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies (Updates & Discussion)**
    - i. Janet Turner, Representative of Congressman Ted Lieu, 33<sup>rd</sup> District – Not present
    - ii. Daniel Eyal, Neighborhood Advocate for CD-4 Councilmember David Ryu. Daniel attended the BABCNC Traffic Committee meeting and gave update on two items discussed at that meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>: (See Traffic Committee Report below (#17 b & c). **1) RE: Koretz’s motion seconded by CM Ryu on New Brush Clearance Regulations, Council File #09-1977-S2** (this now includes the LAFD report with restrictions on weed whackers among others). Daniel noted that today, the Public Safety Committee approved the Brush Clearance Regulations by the LAFD on consent calendar; it is scheduled for City Council on July 3. CM Ryu is in support of this and will have conversations with LAFD to make sure these new regulations are enforced and are effective.  
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=09-1977-S2>

**2) RE: Koretz’s motion from December 8, 2017 seconded by CM Ryu to encourage LAFD & LADOT to coordinate with WAZE & other way-finding GPS systems to not route drivers through evacuation areas during an evacuation CF#17-1407** This was referred to Public Safety Committee; however, has not been scheduled; scheduling is per the discretion of Chair, CM Englander. Daniel noted that CM Ryu is in favor of this & for a broader discussion on how way-finding apps effect quality of life. Daniel noted the great conversation on this at our Traffic Committee meeting.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-1407>

**3) Daniel also reported on CM Ryu’s Demolition Ordinance**, which was passed two weeks ago, asking B&S to clarify exactly what a demolition is vs. renovation.

**CF# 17-0226 “Remodels/Building Regulation Loopholes/Demolitions/Best Practices”**  
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-0226>

- iii. Jasmine Elbarbary, DONE Representative, announced that she had been this NC’s Rep prior to Semece, and is now our Rep again. She noted that Larry had covered her updates, as to elections & stipulation worksheet. She presented a copy of the DPW annual report to Robin Greenberg and invited us to feel free to contact her for any questions.
  - iv. Chris Ragsdale, Senior Lead Officer, West Los Angeles Police Station: Not present. (Chuck noted that Chris is on Homeless Detail until July.)
  - v. Brian Oliver to cover for Ralph Sanchez, Senior Lead Officer, Hollywood: Not present
  - vi. Shannon Louis introduced herself as Supervisor Kuehl’s new Field Deputy and gave a brief County update: 1) From Measure H, budget was passed with 402 million dollars; 2) LA County expanded homeless services with toilets & amenities with overnight parking in Hollywood & North Hollywood. 3) Starting this month, “Clean Power Lines” will be the new electricity provider for all businesses in unincorporated LA County. 4) They are offering skills training to young persons to help them have a stable future, with wraparound services, to help with homelessness & guaranteed job placement. 5) There is a County motion to approve four new pilot programs in workplace development for underrepresented groups, e.g., trade apprenticeships, specifically for women and people of color, to be part of the firefighter training; as well as pilot program around clerical and typist work. She aims to attend here every other month.
- b. **Guest Speaker, James Bickhart, CD5 Homelessness Liaison for Councilmember Koretz** (*Mr. Bickhart was invited by Leslie Weisberg, BABCNC Homelessness Liaison. See Item #24.c*)
- Robin welcomed and Leslie introduced speaker, Jim Bickhart, consultant for CM Koretz. He noted that he works on homelessness & affordable housing; that LAHSA, LAFD and others have been searching for people camping where they shouldn’t be to reduce fire risk in the hillsides.
  - As to City’s programs, Measure HHH for very affordable housing for homeless who need special services & Measure H, are just starting to roll out. There are about 20 HHH projects in the works; they’re actively recruiting more sites; most are on city-owned underutilized city properties. As to the mandate for the council districts, Jim noted that there is a pledge to get 222 HHH units in each council district within three years. City-owned parcels are not suitable for apartment buildings, which they’ll need to fill that pledge. They don’t have any of those properties in CD5, but are looking. They have one project at La Brea near Melrose, applying for funding; may be built within a couple of years. None of these projects will be placed in the hills.
  - As to “Bridge to Home” started by Mayor Garcetti (*in Los Angeles; originally started in San Francisco, per Maureen Levinson*), starting July 1st, will spend about 40 million dollars for creating shelters for three years, funding services and encampment cleanups in the vicinity of shelters. They want to keep those shelters in the areas of the encampments. Each district is supposed to create shelter space for 100 people. He noted that they are struggling to do that. He

was in conversation with the VA and County about doing something at the VA to serve the homeless vets. None of these projects would be placed in the vicinity of this NC.

- Dan Love asked if they'd put mentally ill people together with the others, unsupervised, to which Jim responded "no; no unsupervised," HHH housing would come with help from medical and social service providers. Bob noted that no one has addressed the people who are refusing services, who won't give up their stuff and get into housing. Jim continued that HHH funding is for those with needs for help while sheltered, to help them move out of homelessness.

**Guest Speaker, Anh Nguyen**, with "Californians for Responsible Housing" and Veronica Perez & Associates RE: Repeal of the Costa Hawkins State Law: Anh Nguyen related a brief history of this law, feels that the repeal "is absolutely the wrong approach to housing policy" that would likely decrease property values, loss of jobs, revenue losses. [www.stopthehousingfreeze.org](http://www.stopthehousingfreeze.org) She would like to return to give more information on this subject.

**8. Vice President's Report – Nickie Miner – None**

**9. Secretary's Report – Robert Ringler – None**

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

**a. Update/Report from Treasurer:** *(Additional funding items under Budget & Finance Committee)*

**b. Motion:** To approve the **May 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (Attachment B)**

**Moved** by Jacqueline; **seconded** by Robert; **22 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions** Larry & Mindy; **8 absences**; (included Don, who stepped out) **Approved**

**c. Motion:** To approve the **2018-2019 Budget "Fiscal Year Administrative Packet" (Attachment C)**

Jacqueline related that per Larry, we need to include elections, to which Robin related that we will approve this budget as it is and when the elections funds are forthcoming from the city, we can modify this budget.

**Moved** by Jacqueline; **seconded** by Robert; **24 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 8 absences; Approved**

**d. Motion:** To approve \$150 to pole banner order for additional art design time, for AAA Banner. Robin related that Matt has worked on improving the logo.

**Moved** by Jacqueline; **seconded** by Robert; **25 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 7 absences; Approved**

**e. Motion:** To approve continuing with Web Corner – **(Fee Schedule: Attachment D)**

**Moved** by Chuck **seconded** by André; **25 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 7 absences; Approved**

**Reports of Committees (Updates, Discussion & Action)**

**11. Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee – Laurence Leisten, Chair [Kennedy, Greenberg, Smith, Evans]**

**a. Update/Report by Chair** – *Item #20 on NC system reform will be included in Larry's report here.*

**b. Bylaws:** Larry plans to get the newly approved 2018 Revisions to Bylaws out in a week's time.

**c. Standing Rules:** Continued. Input still needed. Larry would like Robin, Bob & Stephanie to get together to address some issues RE: PLUC, and suggested the board address these during the August retreat.

**d. Elections:** Completion of Elections Information Worksheet. Decide upon election hours; polling location & alternate; how votes may be cast (online, at-poll, by mail); election materials in other language.

- Larry acknowledged recent emails from EmpowerLA including the new stipulation worksheet, which needs to be completed & voted on next month, and submitted to the city by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Attention was turned Agenda Item #20, regarding CM Ryu's motion on proposed changes to NC System.

**12. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis, Chair [M. Smith, I. Sandler, D. Palmer, JL Kennedy, R. Farber, S. Savage, M. Schlenker, R. Cornell, H. Simmons, D. Cohen & S. Hassan]**

**a. Update/Report by Chair:** Chuck reviewed the May EP meeting, in which Ben Park presented RYLAN ("Ready Your LA Neighborhood," a free service by the City of LA Emergency Management Department (EMD); <http://www.emergency.lacity.org/rvlan/> About 60 homes mapped out three areas. Since then, Doheny-Sunset had a "Train Your Trainer" meeting, which Chuck encourages for BCA, LCA and others. At the next meeting, CD5's Greg Martayan will update us on metal blade weed-whackers.

**b. Discussion & Update on Emergency Notification Systems – Michael Schlenker**

Michael gave update, noting several board members now have licenses in ham radio. Seven months ago EP and Outreach Committees came up with the idea to create an email alert group, using the BABCNC email group; owned by the NC and not by an individual. If you send an email to [alert@babnc.org](mailto:alert@babnc.org) it goes out to a handful of people, including the board email address.

Michael noted that he has sent out about 7 alert messages. He suggests you use it. He sent out on three structure fires and two brush fires including the Portola fire. It was a quick group email that sent the alert out to select people in neighborhoods. Michael noted that the Outreach Committee met and that we'd like to expand that now and open that up as part of an outreach item for more people to be able to sign up for this email group. Two committee members volunteered to help manage that: André & Ron Cornell. Michael noted that they will need access to that G-mail account so that they can enter in names. Luis asked if he could include us all unless someone wanted to opt out. Michael noted that the email goes to board, so if you are on the board email, you'll get that. Michael would like to take this further.

André noted that they discussed the “concept of the email itself, because a lot of people don't open email and that the most receptive signal for the fire came as a text message, as an alert. André asked, “how can we get all of our communities to receive text messages or an alert of some kind on their cell phone or whatever device, so it isn't an email? I don't think it's as effective as the other way of going around.” Michael responded that the way the email works is that your phone number has a unique email address, and it depends on the provider that you have, but if you email your phone number at your unique provider's email address, that email will come as a text to your phone.

Jeremy related that he heard about the Portola fire from Chuck's email, forwarded it to his neighborhood association, and it served as a calling card for people to get home, plan, and emergency prepare. Chuck acknowledged that Jeremy was notified by him, because he was notified by Michael's ham radio group. André related that he also received Chuck's email, and it was a very valuable thing, and it loaded everything, but the thing that turned his head was a big buzz on his cell phone from the Bel Air Ridge office, who has a reverse phone directory that let everybody in his community know “this is not a test, get ready to evacuate!” Michael noted that we could have set up a personal alert system by Chuck's email group, but that is managed and retained by Chuck and it's a lot of work; if Chuck moves out of Bel Air... so this one is set up to be owned and managed by the NC. Chuck reminded everyone of Michael's work with ham radios, to which Michael noted that they have new membership in Laurel Canyon, so from the east and west side of their group, they have communication.

**c. BABCNC-sponsored CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training:**

**07/10 – 08/21/18 Tuesdays 6:30-9:00 pm @ Colina Glen To register (waiting list)**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lafd-cert-los-angeles-tickets-46445172762> (Attachment E)**

**d. Next EP Cmte. Mtg.: Wednesday July 18, 2018 7-8:30 pm Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse 2760 Claray**

**13. Planning & Land Use Committee – Robert Schlesinger, Chair / Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair;**

*[Greenberg, Miner, Kemp, Hall, Loze, Spradlin, Levinson, Weisberg, S. Twining & Y. Mieszala]*

**a. Update/Report by Chair – At the June 12, 2018 meeting the PLUC voted to recommend that the BABCNC Board consider the committee's positions on the following projects:**

**b. 8441 W Franklin Ave. ZA-2017-2647-ZAD ENV-2017-2648-CE**

New SFD to a max of 45ft in lieu of 28 ft otherwise permitted for a flat roof of 24ft, otherwise permitted w/in 20 ft of a Substandard Hillside Limited Street, 2 stry over 2 or 3 levels of basement w/ att gar & swim pool R1-1 Zone. 4 ret walls in lieu of 2 to max ht of 10ft Appl: Dan Gatsby (Gatsby Investments, LLC) John Parker, PCC [Chris@PCCLA.com](mailto:Chris@PCCLA.com) Renee Schillaci [renee@advocacy.la](mailto:renee@advocacy.la)  
**The PLU Committee voted to deny this project as designed by a vote of 7/0/0. [Concerns included**

need to make sure fire hydrant will be there and properly relocated; need clarification on where 23 parking spaces will be; need confidence safety is being considered for neighborhood; reduce amount of export; need information about bridge crane; we saw images of large shoring piles but have no construction logistics. It is a requirement to improve the road in front the site.] (**Attachment F**)

- Renee Schillaci, representing the owner, presented the project, stating this is designed as a two-story home; 2,800 square feet; designed smaller than average homes in the neighborhood. They have done a ton of outreach; have 8 support letters; legal lot zoned for SFD. Adopted conditions consistent with HCR, in addition to types of cranes; secured 23 offsite parking spaces at 101 North Crescent Drive.
- Chris Parker and Renee introduced Katie King, Architect. "BOE says street is 20 feet or wider;" in front of the property it will be at least 20 feet wide; asked to not invade other peoples' property.
- All HCR conditions volunteered by owner.
- Fire Hydrant. They don't know where the LAFD wants them to put the hydrant; but they cannot start until hydrants placed.
- They obtained 23 parking spaces with van drop off. No construction vehicles promised to neighbors. There will be room for one vehicle to drop off workers and start grading. Project site grows.
- Chris related that they are requesting zero variances; asking for ZA to make entitlements. Height deviation is a small portion of the house; big retaining walls will be behind the house and not visible.
- Mindy asked if one couldn't see the retaining wall. He explained, from street, for people living, walking or enjoying street, they won't see retaining walls; full retaining wall at its worse point is 20'.
- Cathy W. asked if they're going to close street when removing dirt; if possible, stagger construction; plus, what is the total of height from street to roof deck, to which Chris replied, less than 45 feet.
- Stephanie asked to confirm that they are doing a B permit, to widen the road in front of the property, to which Chris related that they are making sure the road is at least 20 feet wide as BOE says that they don't have to widen it. He is "affirming with the city that when the construction is done, there will be at least 20 feet."
- [Bob noted to Robin and the Board that this is a classic example of what we are trying to resolve: Their hearing came up before the land use meeting and it is being discussed before the hearing. Unless we can write a letter which we are doing, and lodge it with the Zoning Administration by the time it gets to the NC for a vote, time has passed. We are doing that in these kinds of situations.]
- Stephanie related that the big concerns are narrow roads, no storage, when you are building on a one-to-one slope, there is not a lot of room for a chemical toilet or for anything, "and even if you do grade and cut up the hill, you're building foundation within that, and you can't store anything. All you can do is make little step bridges up the hill to store plywood, etc., but there are so many issues with a really difficult site. She noted that we asked last time if they thought about widening/maxing out the frontage of the property so they wouldn't have to go so far up the hill or other ways to minimize the grading, because the grading is going to impact people, and burdens neighborhoods. She noted that it's not necessarily about asking for entitlements, it's that construction impact when you have little physical space to store anything... that's the problem with the site.

**Motion:** To deny the project because of these impacts that can't easily be mitigated, as presented, and we don't know where these parking spaces are, and there are so many things we don't know about.

**Moved** by Stephanie; **24 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention:** Jeremy; **Approved**

**c. 1585 Haslam Terr. ZA-2017-2751-ZAD ENV-2017-2752-CE NPH ZA 7/03/18**

New SFD w/front yd encroachments. No Veh access route from street to improved w/a 20ft min continuous paved road from driveway apron that provides access to the main residence to boundary of the Hillside area, results in 0 setbk. Fire Hydrant 380' from the site (see map)

Appl: John Welmer c/o Reaume & Assoc. Agent: Caitlan Cullen, Crest Real Estate

- **At the November 15, 2017 Board meeting, the board voted to not approve by 22/0/0.**
- **On June 12, 2018, the presenters returned to the PLU Committee to address issues of concern.**
- Stephanie related to the presenters that in the previous two meetings, community/neighbors were present, while for the PLU meeting on June 12th, they were not present. **The committee voted 6 yes,**

**1 no: Maureen, and 0 abstentions, to recommend that the Board approve the project based on the condition we bring this to the full board and the presenters provide a condensed bullet point list showing that they have addressed our concerns.**

- Robin opened the floor to public comment. Bob related that we asked them to come back here, because there were no neighbors that showed up at the PLU meeting.

**Public Comment:** **Peggy Lessinger** related that she did not know about the PLU meeting in June. She lives right across the street from the proposed building at 1585 Haslam Terrace. She spoke in opposition to the development citing issues including but not limited to the fact that her property includes the entire road, her property goes up to 7 feet and to the dirt on the other side of the road; then 13 feet to the road; with a 5' setback. She demonstrated distances on her images in great detail. She noted that where 1585 is, it is very very steep.

**Attorney, Marion Tone** gave her time to Peggy. **Peggy** discussed having a sewer easement, "it's a private road; it's a private sewer easement." She believes she owns the land all the way up. She reported that "they have built over my sewer easement and that they cannot build on my sewer easement; they can't build on my property, and they can't put their vehicles on my road to stage their project." "...Haslam Terrace is a private road and it's very fragile." "I'm sure you remember when Sunset Plaza Drive collapsed in 2016, when a single family home was being built on it. That was a 30-foot wide road, a city road; ours is a 20-foot wide road; we have no citywide support. When ours collapses, with this building project that's proposed, our road will collapse, I believe, and will leave us stranded." She continued that they had access from Sunset Plaza going south & north and Hollywood Blvd., while "we will have access only on this small fragile road." **Kip Putnam** related that she has four speaker cards for people in this audience, on whose behalf she will speak to avoid redundancy: **Gary Richards**, on behalf of Lisa & Michael Schweitzer, **Julie Adams**, **Teri Shephard** and **William (Tom) Sheehy**, all living on Haslam, in addition to a letter from **Lisa & Michael Schweitzer**, from Haslam, who could not be here this evening. Kip noted additional issues to be addressed about the road, setback request, damage caused by vibration and behavior of the 1585 Haslam Team.

**Road:** She related that the road could collapse under the excessive weight of the trucks, plus cutting into the hillside, two other road related concerns: 1) Project cannot block the existing road; this is a dead-end street; it is the only access for 5 houses. No other route in or out other than via the road between Peggy's house and the 1585 Haslam lot. This project cannot block access to these houses. She noted that since the PLU Committee meeting in November 2017, they averaged one emergency vehicle a month over a two-year period, e.g., ambulances and fire trucks. She continued that, as Peg mentioned, she owns the entire stretch of road, and only needs to provide ingress and egress. She opined that the project has no right to park anything on Peg's property without her consent, and that she will not give it; that this is a liability on top of concern for health. If an emergency, and a vehicle would not be able to access the property beyond this lot, both 1585 and Peg could be held liable.

**Other issues:** She noted that their plan doesn't include extending the road; they plan to build a 6' ditch beside the existing road. She is concerned about parking after and during the project. "Legally they have no right to park on it." They strongly believe the project will send the road into rubble. The project has obtained an estimate for resurfacing the road, and she was told that the road needs to be dug out, completely recreated and not resurfaced. She had no time to discuss the setback issue.

**John Q. Lee** represents Peggy Lessinger. He noted that the concerns that this NC requested have not been addressed. The email said, indicating the staging and haul route that was going to be set up, the applicant has not submitted anything to Dept. of B&S or DOT. He noted that until they have the hearing, the project's promises are empty promises. He noted that the concerns, including Peggy's rights on the easement, the sewer line hookup and private road and services, several homes within that area, are not being addressed. Her property rights are not being protected. Peggy owns the road and sewer line hook up. This project impedes that right. He asks that the Board not support the project.



**Applicant representative, Caitlan Cullen**, noted that since the PLU meeting (*June 12<sup>th</sup>*), they submitted the bullet list requested by the PLU Committee, via email (*June 26<sup>th</sup>*). She related that this same bullet point list in addition to previously-submitted documentation including plans as well as materials submitted to Planning for upcoming ZA meeting July 3<sup>rd</sup> were all sent to the neighbors. Caitlan noted that they have primary contact through Ms. Lessinger's counsel, with whom she has been primarily sending information. They'll get all additional emails and continue to provide contact heading up to the ZA meeting on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Caitlan acknowledged, in terms of easements, that it is a private street, which serves five properties in this area, including 1585 Haslam, for ingress and egress to the property. She acknowledged that this is indeed Peggy's property. Caitlan demonstrated property line on images and noted that there is an intent of putting in a wall along there (pointing), to create a temporary construction staging access pad. Contractor was not present this evening; however, she noted that there is an intent to provide 24-hour contacts to reach out to all the neighbors as well as at least 48-hour notice to all neighbors as to significantly impactful part of the project, so they can plan accordingly.

No Haul Route: Very minimal grading: 573 cy. Outreach: The owners, John Jr. & John Sr. went door to door and received a half dozen letters of support from above their neighborhood; they came to us in fall of last year, made contact with some of the direct neighbors and continued to be communicating information including alternatives on the soil alignment; they conferred with the Department of Building and Safety as to the private easement, as long as output access is in place, for that sewer line to be placed, at a future date, if and when it's approved, then they have no issues. They've provided 10-foot clear and 7 foot high access to that and the bridging is only a small portion of that, so they are not touching any of their easement rights.

Stephanie acknowledged that the fire hydrant, though not located on NavigateLA, there is one that is close and compliant. That was a big concern. ... Stephanie doesn't know the geology of the site, but is sure that they will have the proper depth for the foundation. It's the impact to the neighbors that's the question and the issue.

Jamie asked about the red area on the map, noted to be owned by Peggy, and that there is temporary access for creating the parking pad, between the lawyers. Jamie asked and she acknowledged that they will temporarily will have to cross into that area. He asked as to the big gap between the gap and the house. She gave answers as to these questions, and mentioned a retaining wall, that meets standards for being a vehicle barrier. Dan asked about calculations of dirt removal for caissons and foundation, and where the dirt will be stored. She noted that it was calculated for caissons, and partially will be stored onsite for that parking pad, with some remaining onsite for the 2:1 slope, and the remainder exported. Pamela asked if any of the footing for the wall will intrude onto Peg's property, to which Caitlan replied it should not, though she didn't have that detail in front of her. Nickie asked about total size of the building, which, per Caitlan, is now reduced with the entire square footage at 1,875 square feet. Don Loze asked if there is agreement with owner of property and the owner of the easement to make use of those things that she says they are going to make use of; to do what they want to do. Caitlan replied in the affirmative: "for the access yes, there is, under Private Street 283, that granted the ingress and egress easement for the property..." Travis noted that the red part is on Peggy's property. Caitlan will "let the lawyers determine what ingress and egress is. He asked for clarification, noting that they do not currently have a signed agreement. Caitlan replied that this is where the confusion is coming into play. The red is the location of the easement. They are in front of us asking for a 0-front setback, because that setback is not from the edge of the paved roadway, it's from the edge of the easement. The easement sits within their property, by an average of about 13 feet. So, the property line in blue, easement coming into the property, this easement is what they are referring to. The pink on the plans is where the garage access is. There's nothing outside of that location. She acknowledged that the temporary thing, she doesn't have permission to use right now,

“is within this red easement area.” Leslie further noted that they haven’t gotten the right to bring a vehicle onto the property... “because you have not negotiated this with her, nor do you have access to the sewer. So, the real problem here is that your client has purchased a property without real access.” Leslie encouraged Peggy and the owner to find a way to work together on this.

**Motion:** We can rule on it subject to the approval of the easement. There has to be an agreement subject to the use of the easements from Peggy. **Moved** by Bob. Discussion ensued, and Caitlan interjected that “this driveway is a legal access.” Travis related that the motion that came from committee is to approve the project based on the condition that it goes to the full board, and everything gets addressed, and that he is not prepared to vote for the motion that comes from committee right now. He asked if we want to withdraw that or have a separate motion. Bob related that “**the issue needs to be to make the motion subject to the fact that they have access to that property.**” Bob and Stephanie have no problems with the rest of it at this point.

**New Motion:** Move to **deny** this project; **Moved** by Nickie; **seconded** by Kathy C; **14 yes; 0 no; 10 abstentions; 8 absences; Motion to deny carried.**

#### 14. Discussion and Possible Motion Regarding Proposed Amendments to CEQA

The PLU Committee unanimously approved a motion to have Stephanie prepare a letter for the Board’s approval. (Attachment G)

**Motion** That the BABCNC approve the letter prepared by Stephanie Savage, as requested by the PLU Committee, regarding the recommended CEQA Appeals Code Amendment(s).

*[Of note, the Department of City Planning welcomes the input of all interested persons. Direct all questions/comments to [Azeen.Khanmalek@lacity.org](mailto:Azeen.Khanmalek@lacity.org) or (213) 978-1336. Reference: Case Number CPC-2018-2657 in your correspondence.]*

- Stephanie introduced the item (Attachment G) and offered some bullet points to add to this, including: In the event people are using CEQA, that the CEQA appeals would be heard in a timely manner... within 60 days. She agrees with raising the price a little. She thinks there should be something in there to authenticate or substantiate the case. Jamie doesn’t agree with some of these recommendations. He suggests 180 days, not 60 days, also in regard to haul routes; he can’t support the authentication issue the way it’s drafted now, as there are certain things that are purely legal issues.

*[Dan Love left at 9:02 pm.]*

Travis disclosed that he has consulted people who have challenged things on CEQA drafts as an expert. He noted that the case is either made or lost in the administrative process; it is a procedural thing that happens in front of a ZA, and when you write your letter and during the appeal, but at the window, to be able to make an appeal, that violates the public’s due process to be able to go through the process. He doesn’t think we should raise the price or put a date on it, and that the number of cases where CEQA is being “abused” for pernicious reasons that have nothing to do with environmental impacts is vanishingly small relative to the number of developments that are approved and get their permits every day in this city. He feels we need to support the CEQA process; the city needs to hire more people; they can’t put it on the backs of the public, whose right it is to have an environment that is protected by due process. Jamie feels we should opine on this topic as there are a lot of environmental issues. He recommended tabling this for further conversation. “It’s important for our neighborhood council to weigh in...”

**Motion:** That we do not act on this and bring it back for further consideration next month.

**Moved** by Jamie; **seconded** by Larry; **24 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 8 absences; Passed/Tabled.**

a. **Next PLU Committee Meeting: Tuesday July 10, 2018 @ 7:00 pm @ AJU, Room #223**

#### 15. Outreach Committee – Robin Greenberg, Chair *[Nickie Miner, Tony Tucci, Maureen Smith, Irene Sandler, André Stojka, Matt Post & Ron Cornell]*

a. **Update/Report by Chair – Robin Greenberg:** Joint Outreach/Budget & Finance Committee met on June 18, 2018 at Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse. Pole banner design was further discussed.

**b. Report:** The Outreach Committee asked that EP Committee create & manage the alert system set up by Michael Schlenker. Ron & André volunteered. (Michael Schlenker spoke on this, under Emergency Preparedness Committee Report, above: **See #12.b.**)

**16. Budget & Finance Committee – Kennedy, Chair [J. Hall, R. Greenberg, R. Farber & C. Wayne]**

**a. Update/Report by Chair – Joint Outreach/Budget & Finance Committee** met on June 18, 2018 at Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse to address 2018-2018 FY budget and year-end expenditures. The Budget & Finance Committee approved, by 4/0/0; 2 absent, the draft 2018-2019 FY Budget to include \$250 for retreat. Jacqueline was to provide updated budget (and did so under 10.c. Treasurer’s Report above).

**Items # 16.b, c, d & 18 were taken together as a consent item with roll call vote as follows:**

**Consent Motion moved** by Robin; **23 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention:** Robert S; **8 absences; Approved**

**b. Discussion & Motion:** The Budget & Finance Committee recommended by 4/0/0; 2 absent, that the BABCNC approve retroactively the following purchases (under Operations) totaling **\$1,257.48** (See Attachment H)

1 Dell Inspiron Flagship 23.8” All-in-One Full HD Touchscreen Desktop @ \$929.00

1 ASUS AC2900 WiFi Dual-Band Gigabit wireless Router @ \$241.78

1 Square Trade 4-year PC Desktop Protection Plan @ \$76.20

1 Square Trade 4-year PC Peripheral Protection Plan @ \$5.38

1 Amazon Basics RJ45 Cat-6 Ethernet Patch Cable – 5’ @ \$5.61

**c. Discussion & Motion:** The Budget & Finance Committee recommended by 4/0/0; 2 absent, that the BABCNC approve retroactively the following purchases (under Operations) totaling **\$423.02**

1 HP Model 7740 Printer (11x17): \$237.49; 2-year Protection Plan: \$49.99; 1 USB cable: \$13.42;

1 ream of 11x17” paper: 8.97; 1 HP ink cartridge XL: \$80.79. Taxes: \$32.36 (See Attachment I)

**d. Discussion & Motion:** The Budget & Finance Committee recommended by 4/0/0; 2 absent, that the BABCNC approve re-establishing internet services at the office, with Spectrum, at \$85.00 plus fees, not to exceed \$100.00/month, plus a one-time \$99.99 installation fee.

- Post consent vote for 16.b,c,d &18, Irene explained her vote for this was because Robert S. wanted the printer and didn’t understand his abstention. Robert explained his need for the 11x17 printer for scanning, “so I can take it, scan it…” Following this, several board members still didn’t understand the point of his abstention. Robert Ringler suggested that if he needs to take it home, “we’ll make it work.”

**17. Traffic Cmte - Sandler, Chair [Stojka, Pierson, Copcutt, Templeton, Weisberg, Farber, Greenberg]**

**a. Update/Report by Chair** Traffic Committee met June 19, 2018. In addition to the items, b & c., Irene related that we had a discussion about the scooters, as to safety concerns, as led by Travis. Robin noted that this was agendized under WRAC, which we didn’t get to this evening. Jamie noted Jason is CFO of one of these companies and could bring someone here to speak, while he could recuse himself.

**b. Discussion & Possible Motion:** Traffic Committee voted 6/0/0 to recommend BABCNC request follow up on Paul Koretz’s request for report backs relative to recommended amendments to the Los Angeles Fire Code and Los Angeles Municipal Code regarding brush clearance. (*following the Roscomare fire started by weed-whacker*) and submit a CIS. **Council File #09-1977-S2.**

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=09-1977-S2>

On June 21, 2018, in response to the above request by Paul Koretz, Fire Chief Terrazas provided the LAFD report dated June 20, 2018. The document was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

[http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2009/09-1977-S2\\_rpt\\_LAFD\\_06-21-2018.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2009/09-1977-S2_rpt_LAFD_06-21-2018.pdf) (Attachment J).

(Per Greg Martayan, they are in their final steps of drafting the ordinance.)

**Moved** by Chuck; **seconded; Approved unanimously.** Maureen Levinson noted that she has major issues with the weed whacker proposal: It may be a burden; why not just have a backpack with an extinguisher on the back rather than hiring someone else to follow them. Jamie agreed that we need to be a little more thoughtful on this.

**Motion to reconsider:** Moved by Chuck; seconded by Maureen; Approved unanimously Maureen related that having to hire someone to follow with a fire extinguisher is discriminatory against people who have just one gardener. It is unenforceable. Maureen related that her gardener wears a backpack when using the weed whacker that has a fire extinguisher in the back.

**New Motion:** That we support the LAFD's Chief's recommendations with the exception of the requirement in #2 & # 3 for a separate safety personnel, because of additional costs involved in that and, and we express concern about #6 & 7 that there be actually 2 required fire extinguishers for any brush clearing operation. He noted that the rest of it pretty straight forward.

Moved by Travis; seconded by Maureen 22 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 10 absent (Kathy C & Dan L had left) Passed

- c. **Discussion & Possible Motion:** Traffic Committee voted 6/0/0 to recommend BABCNC submit a CIS supporting Paul Koretz's motion dated 12/08/2017 requesting departments be in communication with navigations app companies during evacuations. As of 12/08/2017, item has been pending in Public Safety Committee. **Council File #17-1407**

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-1407>

[http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1407\\_mot\\_12-08-2017.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1407_mot_12-08-2017.pdf) (Attachment K)

Moved by Robert; seconded by Larry; 22 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 10 absent Passed

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

18. **Motion:** That the BABCNC approve retroactively purchase 1 Blue Pure 211+ Air Purifier for the office @ \$249.99 (Attachment L) (Voted together as consent calendar: 16.b, c, d & 18) Consent Motion moved by Robin; 23 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention; Robert S; 8 absences; Approved

19. **Review and Consideration of the BABCNC 2017/2018 Inventory Report Motion:** Discussion and motion to approve and certify the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council's Inventory list is correct and complete, containing all items in the possession of BABCNC; as reported to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment during Fiscal Year 2017-2018. (Board Vote Count due no later than July 15, 2018.) (Attachment M) Moved by Robert R; seconded by Jacqueline; 22 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 10 absent (Kathy C & Dan L had left) Passed

20. **Discussion & Motion with CIS Submission RE: David Ryu's Proposed Neighborhood Council Reforms** submitted by him as Chair of the Health, Education & Neighborhood Councils Committee to the City Council, based on survey results from NCs. **Council File #18-0467** <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=18-0467> [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2018/18-0467\\_mot\\_05-25-2018.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2018/18-0467_mot_05-25-2018.pdf) (Attachment N) **Motion:** To approve, deny, approve if amended or disapprove unless amended, Councilmember David Ryu's proposed reforms for the NC system, to reflect the BABCNC's positions, and to submit a CIS to that effect.

- Larry noted that we are being asked to provide input on his recommendations and identified some issues that impact this NC from the list, the main three being:

- **Second Bullet Point:** That CM Ryu wants to do away with the definition of Community Impact (sic) [Interest] Stakeholder, which he feels has merit, as the definition is so general, we don't know what it means; how someone qualifies.

- **Third Bullet Point:** That CM Ryu has been proposing that all NC councilmembers be elected; no selections and no privately appointed. There may be more NCs that have a few selected seats and we need to express our position on this as it will impact our private residential stakeholder groups.

- **Fourth Bullet Point:** That they want to have some kind of review of bylaws to make sure that the governmental structure is equitably allocated by representation. Larry noted that we are mostly residential and we have certain selected seats that are more or less institutional representatives; this needs to be communicated to CM Ryu's committee and CM Ryu himself, as there is an assumption that

the selection of an institutional representative is not democratic, but if an individual is representing that institution, who should have the say? This is the issue.

**- Other:** Larry mentioned other items noted in CM Ryu's motion which he doesn't have issue with. He opened this to the floor. Nickie recommended having a committee to address this. Bob related that one issue does not fit all; Stephanie noted that we are not politicians and that being elected is not practical for everyone. Several board members reiterated that we are a purely residential neighborhood.

**Motion 1.** BABCNC opposes to the removal of "selections" for board members as it would undermine the ability of the existing organizations working in different communities within BABCNC to have a voice in governance on the NC. The result would be a fracturing of the community where a duly elected board of a residential association could end up being represented on the NC by someone with opposing interests. **Moved** Travis; **seconded** Robert R. **24 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention;** Dan P.; **7 absences.** **Passed.**

**Motion 2.** BABCNC opposes any effort to define "equity" in representation of different stakeholder groups by the City. This is a local decision that should be addressed by the NC, which knows and understands the proportions of different interests within its territory. BABCNC is skeptical that such efforts would not be used to force over-representation of certain interests (e.g., commercial) out of proportion with their predominance within the NC territory. **Moved** Travis; **seconded** Larry; **25/0/0**

Larry related that beyond filing this motion alone, we need to do some lobbying with other NCs that feel the same way we do; meet with Ryu's staff, and put pressure from all areas of the city that this is not a good proposal. Travis confirmed that we now have two positions to take to the CM's office.

**Those interested in meeting with CD4:** Cathy W., Jamie, Don, Maureen, Andre, Larry, Stephanie, Robert S., Kathy C., Nickie, Pamela & Travis.

## **21. Hotel Bel-Air Re-applying for their live entertainment and spa permits**

**Discussion & Motion:** Per the request of Michelle Messina with the Los Angeles Police Commission, Police Permits Section, Hotel Bel-Air is re-applying for their live entertainment and spa permits; part of the process is to reach out to neighborhood councils to see if there is any opposition. Per M. Messina, Vice has no issue & they are unable to continue with the process until they receive a response.

**Motion:** The BABCNC has no objection to the Bel Air Hotel's reapplying for their live entertainment and spa permits. **Moved** by Leslie; **seconded** by Kathy C.; **23 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention;** Travis; **8 absences; Approved**

## **22. Discussion & Motion: To consider the impacts associated with renaming of a section of streets in Laurel Canyon (Tavern Trail & Rothdell Trail) to "Love Street." (Attachment O)**

**[http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2018/18-0581\\_mot\\_06-19-2018.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2018/18-0581_mot_06-19-2018.pdf)**

Jamie noted that Laurel Canyon already has tour buses blocking streets and snarling traffic in this very high fire hazard severity zone; they would have liked to have Council Member Ryu consult with LCA about this. They feel that there should be no renaming of a street that draws tourism until appropriate evaluation and studies have been done to determine what the impacts might be and whether or not there might need to be some traffic calming measure or some mitigation measures.

**Motion:** To submit a CIS stating that we are concerned about the tourism that this will draw, and we think this should be properly evaluated before any renaming occurs.

**Moved** by Jamie; **seconded** by Cathy W; **24 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 8 absences; Approved**

## **23. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) (Item # 23 a., b., c., & d. deferred to July meeting)**

**a. Update by BABCNC WRAC Rep:** The following actions were taken at the June 20, 2018 meeting WRAC approved the following motions:

- b. Discussion and possible action: Oppose SB 831 (WRAC LUPC)**
- c. Discussion and possible action: Regulate Personal Electric Scooters (WRAC LUPC)**
- d. Discussion and possible action: Support CEQA Appeals Code Amendment (WRAC LUPC)**

**24. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) – Jacqueline Le Kennedy – *Deferred***

- a. Update by BABCNC LANCC Rep**

**25. Updates from BABCNC Representatives on Your Associations, Districts & Other Seats - *Deferred***

**26. Reports of BABCNC Liaisons (26. a, b, c & d deferred due to time constraints)**

- a. Homelessness Liaison** – Leslie Weisberg & Jamie Hall

A discussion for the purpose of understanding the plans of Councilmembers Koretz & Ryu so as to coordinate efforts to work with and in the best interests of our constituents, including stressing the importance of the need for community outreach in the siting process.

- From the “Everyone In” website: “Supportive housing is 90% effective at ending homelessness.

On Tuesday, March 20, L.A. City Council members pledged unanimously to support a minimum of 222 units of supportive housing in each of their districts by July 1, 2020. That’s 3,330 units in total—or about one-third of the City’s 10,000 unit goal. ...The first step to bringing supportive housing to a district is getting a Letter of Commitment from a city councilmember, indicating that they approve using funds from Proposition HHH for the project. The next step is securing the funding from specific Proposition HHH bonds. Once the units are funded, they can be built.”

Tracker: <http://everyoneinla.org/supportive-housing-tracker/>

- b. Animal Services Liaison** – Travis Longcore
- c. Department of Public Works & Film Liaison** – Dan Love
- d. Purposeful Aging Liaison** – Jacqueline Le Kennedy

**27. Budget Representative Reports – Ellen Evans & Jacqueline Le Kennedy – *Deferred***

- a. Update by Budget Representative(s) on Budget Day June 23<sup>rd</sup> LA City Hall**

**28. DWP Updates & Discussion -- Don Loze – *Deferred***

DWP Advocacy Committee & MOU Oversight Committee: 1<sup>st</sup> Sat 8:45 am LADWP Cafeteria Level, 111 N. Hope St. 90012 (+Parking) Advocacy Committee odd months. MOU Oversight Committee even months.

**29. Good of the Order:** Robin related that we are having a retreat here on Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup>, so that we can “talk” especially for the benefit of the newer board members; all members are requested to attend.

**30. Adjournment:** Robert R. moved, Chuck seconded and the meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday July 25, 2018 7-9pm @ American Jewish University**