



*Building A Better Community*

**General Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 25, 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

**Present: 20**

(Quorum 15)

**Attachment "A"**

<u>2017/2018 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
<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 (notified of absence)</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</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air Ridge HOA (Alternate Desiree Lapin)</b>		
<i>André Stojka (notified of absence)</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 (notified absence)</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</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Members-at-Large</b>		
<i>Dan Love (notified of absence)</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>20</b>	<b>12</b>

1. **Call to Order** Robin Greenberg called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
2. **Roll Call** Robin called the roll with 17 present/quorum met. Mindy Mann arrived at 7:13, Dan Palmer and Pamela Pierson arrived by 7:17 with 20 board members present and 12 absent. Jason left at 8:00 pm.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of July 25, 2018 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)  
**Moved** by Cathy W **seconded** by Maureen S; **17 yes; 0 no; \* abstentions; Approved**
5. **Approval of June 27, 2018 Minutes (Attachment A)** Copy was circulated with agenda.  
**Moved** by Larry; **seconded** by Rob; **16 yes; 0 no; 1 abstentions**: Ellen; **Approved**  
*[Mindy Mann arrived at 7:13, for 18 present.]*

**Public Comment:**

**Bob Schlesinger** wants to have the meeting with CM Ryu regarding neighborhood council reforms.  
**Luis Pardo** gave voice to his impassioned opposition to the “Zero Tolerance” policy, for the record. He described this as a “very cruel and mean policy that needs to be eliminated; ... children need to be reunited with their parents.” He related that he himself was a refugee who was taken in by this country, and while as a refugee he was very lucky, the process he went through was difficult but doable.

**Reports of Officers**

6. **President’s Report – Robin Greenberg**
  - a. **Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies (Updates & Discussion)**  
**Representatives are urged to send written reports before meeting to [council@babnc.org](mailto:council@babnc.org)**  
*[Dan Palmer arrived at 7:17, for 19 present.]*
    - i. Janet Turner, Representative of Congressman Ted Lieu, 33<sup>rd</sup> District gave report and flyers on: 1) Metro & VA Purple Line Public Info Session tomorrow at the VA campus, main hospital, Bldg. 500, Room #128; 2) Congressman Lieu is announcing his 2018 App Challenge: <https://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/> Register by 09-10-2018; and 3) as a proponent of the environment, he supports stopping fishnet use in fishing. See link <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/2773/text?format=txt>
    - ii. Daniel Eyal, Neighborhood Advocate for CD-4 Councilmember David Ryu  
[daniel.eyal@lacity.org](mailto:daniel.eyal@lacity.org)

- Daniel offered to speak with Nick Greif as to the best way to set the meeting regarding NC reforms. Bob expressed concerns about how these reforms will affect the PLU Committees' ability to do their jobs within this BABCNC territory. Daniel will speak to CM Ryu about this; (currently the CM is traveling with Mayor Garcetti.)
- Daniel announced "Sherman Oaks Connect Day" at Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park, Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 9-12:30; 7:00 to 1:30 for volunteers. The park has a pool/aquatics center. This is a collaborative effort to provide homeless individuals free services, connects homeless individuals with "LA Family Housing;" 40-50 providers will be there.
- Ellen asked about the DWP outage on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Daniel noted that we will be hearing about it; that we & CD-13 had about a quarter of the city's outages & that their message to DWP is that they need greater transparency and that people need to hear from them.

- iii. Gurmet Khara, CD5 Field Deputy for CD5 Councilmember Paul Koretz: Gurmet was welcomed back from India, where she stayed for a few months for family matters. She introduced Hagu, CD5's new Planner, to the Board.
- iv. Hagu Solomon-Cary, Planning Deputy, for CD5 Councilmember Paul Koretz: Hagu covers Bel Air, Beverly Crest, Benedict Canyon, WLA to Venice border, among other sections. She has prior experience in the Planning Dept. She reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow on the HCR and that they're working on the Ridgeline Ordinance.
- v. Chris Ragsdale, Senior Lead Officer, West Los Angeles Police Station: Chris related the basic "lock it, hide it, keep it" message, recommending that we not be complacent.
  - Pam asked who is responsible for enforcing no smoking in the hills, especially in the summer (e.g., LAPD, LAFD and Park Rangers). Chris noted that they all do.
  - Nickie asked about the no-smoking signs that she used to see. He will look into that. She asked about a homeless encampment in the hills, to which Chris noted that he is following up on this encampment located between Mountain Gate and Skirball Center, where they have located bedding and clothing on LA County Sanitation property. He has reported this to LAFD and made notifications.
  - Don Loze asked what he learned on his HOPE detail. Chris related that he worked on the "Homeless Outreach Proactive Engagement" out of Olympic Station; bureau-wide and came to the conclusion, by seeing a larger sample of homeless in the city, that if we are not addressing the drug issue, we're not addressing homelessness. He noted that AB 109, Props 47 & 57, which have impacted our drug laws (reducing them from felonies to misdemeanors) explains what we're seeing with these people who used to be housed in jails for their narcotics violations. He noted that services are being provided and that "there's a lot going on" towards that end.
- vi. Ralph Sanchez, Senior Lead Officer, Hollywood Division – Not present
- vii. Veronica de la Cruz, Deputy City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecutor for West LA Division Neighborhood Prosecutor Program, Safe Neighborhoods & Gang Division: Veronica related that she works on quality of life issues. She doesn't provide counsel but as a liaison, and is happy to help point us in the right direction. She helps with finding owners of vacant lots and land in the event that the LAFD can't track them down. Ellen related a nuisance property to Veronica.
- viii. Jasmine Elbarbary, DONE Representative:
  - Jasmine related that the monthly profile report comes out in August; however, reported that the City Clerk has taken over the elections and they went over the BABCNC bylaws and boundary maps to rule out any discrepancies. They reportedly found that the text

states the boundaries follow the 405 but they actually go up Sepulveda; the department has edited the text to say it follows Sepulveda instead of the 405 and are including pieces of Beverly Hills and West Hollywood. Jasmine announced that the City Clerk will have the updated map, which will go into the bylaws.

- Larry noted that this is new to him, and that he has worked on this with his committee. Jasmine mentioned that this is the “northwestern sliver,” and mentioned Stephen Wise School (which several board members noted is on the east side of Sepulveda & the 405.)  
- Jasmine will send an email to Larry, who can tell her how to fix it, noting that the map may be wrong.

- Don noted that the original designation was to conform to the BABC Community Plan, and asked that if there’s a discrepancy, let’s talk about the discrepancy. Larry recommended picking a source and relying on the source.

- Jasmine related that they are asking all NCs to appoint a Resilience Liaison, which we have scheduled on this evening’s agenda.

**7. Vice President’s Report – Nickie Miner None**

**8. Secretary’s Report – Robert Ringler** related that LAPD has National Night Out at August 7<sup>th</sup> Stoner Park 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Officers will be cooking and it’s for the kids; sponsored by Red Cross, 7-11 & Target.

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

**a. Update/Report from Treasurer** Robert Ringler took vote counts.

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

**Moved** by Cathy; **seconded** by Dan P; **17 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions: Larry & Rob Farber; 13 absent** (including Pam who stepped out of room.) **Approved**

**c. Motion:** To approve the 2017-2018 Self Assessment (**Attachment C**) – **Robin Greenberg**

**Moved** by Robin; **seconded** by Larry; **19 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 13 absent; Approved**

**Special Guest Speakers & Presentations (Discussion & Possible Action)**

**10. Special Guest Speaker Heather Teodoro, L.A. County West Vector & Vector-Borne Disease**

**Control District – Presentation with Q&A:** Heather gave a presentation, with focus on mosquitos, noting Zika & West Nile Virus since 2004. Common breeding sources include abandoned homes, containers and stagnant waters. It only takes a week for them to develop. She spoke on the “Invasive 80s small black and white mosquitos” which stowed away from Asia. The most important prevention method is providing education in the neighborhoods. The eggs are very small and might look like debris/dirt. Even technicians have to use high-powered flashlights, and wait a week for them to come up. The Health Department is bracing for transmission (from travelers.) Two human cases of West Nile reported in LA County. They treat mosquitos in various ways including but not limited to use of organic pesticides that they put in the water; mosquito fish are suitable for ponds. County of Public Health flyer entitled “Report Dead Birds” noted that birds that died recently can be tested for West Nile virus, which helps track the spread of the disease around LA County. You can stop the spread of WNV by reporting dead birds, e.g., crows and ravens, owls, hawks, falcons, jays and small birds.

*[ Pamela returned at 8:07pm ]*

**11. Ethan Senser with “Stand LA” Discussion & Possible Motion with Submission of CIS on Neighborhood Oil Drilling (Attachment D = complete proposed motion)**

Ethan returned and spoke on this item, noting that there are no zoning requirements and that hundreds of oil drilling sites were closed mostly in WLA in the 40s. Cathy W. asked if there is a list of companies doing the drilling.

**Motion:** To support a 2,500-foot setback of active oil wells from residences and other sensitive areas, which is currently under consideration by the LA City Council.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-0447>

Luis **moved**; Larry **seconded**. Maureen Smith asked about the location of drills in the WLA area, which he described. Don asked how the 2,500 foot perimeter will work: Remove houses or oil wells? Ethan noted that city council has been studying an amortization period for a couple of years, once the operations are zoned out, they would have to wrap up production. Dan Palmer noted that just off the 405 at the VA there are oil wells. **20 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed unanimously.**  
[ethansenser@gmail.com](mailto:ethansenser@gmail.com)

**12. Speaker from BIRD, to give brief presentation on this – Not present; will be here in September.**

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

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

**a. Update/Report by Chair**

**b. Elections: Discussion & Motion:** To approve Elections Information Worksheet (**Attachment E**) Hours of 12-4 agreed upon. We are awaiting approval from Harvard Westlake; alternate facility at Rosenfeld Aud. @ Franklin Canyon. Discussed translation and decided “none,” and “polling place only.” **Moved** by Larry; **seconded** by Cathy W; **18 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions**; Maureen & Ellen **Approved**

**14. 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 & Motion by Chair:** The EP Committee had a successful meeting on July 18, 2018; discussed RYLAN, CERT and metal blade weed-whackers. Chuck related that CERT has been successful and though filled up, there are still openings available for CERT. Groups have been doing RYLAN. He noted that Bill Grundfest is a BAA resident who has been championing opposition to metal blade weed whackers. Tim Pershing from AM Richard Bloom’s office was present. Chuck related that Greg Martayan couldn’t make it but said they are working on an ordinance that will be brought to City Council when back from current recess.

- The EP Committee voted by 7/0/0 to approve a **motion** asking that the BABCNC construct a letter to Assembly Member Richard Bloom to pursue a State ban on metal weed whacker blades, and to Paul Koretz to act on the City ban, and to Sheila Kuehl for a County ban, as soon as possible.

Chuck **Moved**; Cathy Wayne **seconded**, and made a friendly amendment to include David Ryu. Chuck accepted the friendly amendment, to include CM Ryu. **19 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed unanimously**

**c. Next EP Cmte. Mtg.: Thurs. Sept. 13, 7-8:30 pm @ Bel Air Ridge 2760 Claray**

**15. 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 July 10, 2018 meeting, the PLUC voted to recommend that the BABCNC Board consider the committee’s positions on the following projects:**

**b. 2859 N. Coldwater Cyn APCSV-2016-4960-SPE-DRB-SPP-MSP-P ENV-2016-4855-EAF DIR-2016-4960-DRB-SPP-MSP** [They will notify us of hearing date (*expect around 6 months*)]  
Rem & Addition SFD, new pool & spa. On a Prominent Ridge. Within 200 ft of pub parkland. Existing 9,480 sf, 400 sf garage, parking area 821 sf. Exist basement 95 sf. New const 4,669 sf. Prop garage 400 sf, prov parking 932 sf., covered patio 408 sf. Lot 127,360 sf, total structure 15,489 sf. Lot cover 8%, FAR 11%, Hardscape 30,072 sf. Build & hardscape footprint 34.6%. Ht 33 ft, prop struct 23 ft. Grading 1,393 cy, exp 596 cy, fill 797.4. (Coldwater near Mulholland)  
Owner: Coldwater Prop, LLC Appl: John Rigney, Coldwater Properties  
Arch: Don Nulty, A.I.A. Inc. Kristina Kropp Luna & Glushon  
**Motion: PLU Committee voted 9 yes; 0 no, 0 abstentions to recommend to the BABCNC board to approve the project as presented.** [*PLUC Chair will send a letter to the DRB.*]

**Kristina Kropp presented corrected information on this project as follows:**



**Existing:** 9,480 sq. feet, incl. garage/covered parking area (821 sq. ft.) & basement (95 sq. ft.).  
**New construction:** 3,296 sq. ft., including garage/covered parking area (821 sq. ft. - no change) and covered patio (408 sq. ft.).

**Lot** 127,360 sq. ft.; **Total structure** 13,184 sq. ft.; **Lot cover** 8%; **FAR** 11%; **Hardscape** 30,072 sq. ft.; **Build & hardscape footprint** 34.6%; **Height** 33 feet, **proposed structure** 23 ft.; **Grading** 329.5 cy cut, export 198.5 cy, fill 131 cy. (Coldwater close to Mulholland)

**Motion:** To approve as presented. **Moved** by Robert; **19 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; Approved**

**c. Discussion and Possible Motion Regarding Proposed Amendments to CEQA (continued from June meeting to discuss further).**

The PLU Committee had unanimously approved a motion to have Stephanie prepare a letter for the Board's approval. At our June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board voted to table approval of said letter in order to discuss this further and to craft a motion. *[All welcome to send to [Azeen.Khanmalek@lacity.org](mailto:Azeen.Khanmalek@lacity.org) (213) 978-1336. RE: Case Number CPC-2018-2657 in your correspondence. Council File # 18-0066. Deadline for comments to be submitted for consideration in the Staff Report was July 6, but we can continue to submit comment to until **August 10**, and they may consider the comments in presenting to the commission. After that date, we may submit all comments to the commission office.]*

- Ellen volunteered to head up an ad-hoc committee with Stephanie, Robert. **No action; deferred.**

**d. Bel-Air Country Club Application for Permit to Remove 23 Protected Trees (Discussion & Possible Action) PLUC voted 9/0/0 to approve writing a letter, per request of Dr. Whitford.**

**Possible Motion:** To approve letter to Board of Public Works, Kevin James & CM Paul Koretz (Attachment F) Links to the relevant documents can be found at:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/CouncilAgenda/CoverSheet.aspx?ItemID=69656&MeetingID=5253>

- Linda gave update, having brought it up to the PLU Committee. She discussed the environmental impact; project given a notice of exemption which showed that there would be no negative impacts; without MND or EIR. There will be a hearing at Board of Public Works Friday morning.

**Motion:** To approve and submit letter to Planning & Councilmembers (Attachment G)

**Moved** by Mindy; **seconded** by Chuck; **19 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; Approved**

Maureen L. related that a tree fell in November, and that she agrees with a second opinion though BAA took the report at face value.

**e. Best Practices to Reduce Adverse Environmental Effects of Nighttime Lighting in a Planning and Land Use Context Report (Discussion & Possible Action) PLUC voted 9/0/0 to approve letter requesting a set of practices for this, to send to Dept. of Planning & Councilmembers –**

**Motion:** To approve and submit letter to Planning & Councilmembers (Attachment G)

**Moved** by Cathy; **seconded** by Mindy; **19 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; Approved**

**f. Next PLU Committee Meeting: Tuesday August 14, 2018 @ 7:00 pm @ AJU, Room #223**

**16. 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**

**b. Discussion & Motion to approve updated BABCNC logo for pole banner (Attachment H)**

**Moved** by Robin; **6 yes for #4; Logo #4 approved**

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

**a. Update/Report by Chair**

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

**a. Update/Report by Chair – Chair absent / No report**

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

**19. The City's Mobility Plan – Travis Longcore, Ph.D.:** The City's Mobility Plan has within it the designation of a number of scenic highways, including several within the BABCNC territory. The scenic highways will have specific corridor plans developed for them, similar to the Mulholland Scenic Corridor plan, but in the interim, the Mobility Plan has guide-lines to govern development that are more restrictive than current hillside standards. (**Attachment I**).

**Motion:** BABCNC to write to CD4 and CD5 to request that they join with us in sending a letter to Planning requesting that the City: 1) implement the interim guidelines in the Mobility Plan for all scenic highways within BABCNC territory, and 2) act immediately to convene advisory boards and draft specific corridor plans for a) Beverly Glen Blvd., b) Coldwater Canyon Blvd., & c) Laurel Canyon Blvd. **Moved** Robin; **seconded** Larry ; **15 yes**; **1 no**: Nickie; **3 abstentions**: Mike, Sam & Mindy; **Approved**

**20. Discussion & Action on Infrastructure and Development in the Hillside – Maureen Levinson**

**a. Discussion & Motion for the BABCNC to Request Action of our Electeds & Departments**  
**RE: LADWP & LADBS report on the trends of larger homes as it relates to water and power usage in hillside.**

**Proposed Motion for PAUL KORETZ to bring to City Council:**

- Los Angeles hillside infrastructure is notoriously deficient and underperforming. With many of our hillside neighborhoods having been subdivided and built in the early 1910s to 1930s, power outages and frequent pipe bursts are not uncommon events.

- The current trend in the hillside seems to be demolishing existing housing stock and replacing it with single family dwellings that are considerably larger. Typically, 3 to 10 times larger than the previous home and/or surrounding homes in the community. Additionally, these larger homes bring with them multiple and larger pools, entertainment facilities, and accessory uses/structures. Due to this surge of commercial-sized single-family dwellings, a question must be asked. Do these large commercial-sized homes pose a threat to the surrounding hillside communities? What are the impacts to the surrounding homes that are smaller and have modest power and water facilities? For example:

1. **Water:** Does surrounding water pressure increase or decrease with the introduction of these significantly larger homes and does that increase or decrease in water pressure cause problems for the infrastructure (especially when it comes to water) or to water pressure for life and safety issues? Namely LAFD fire hook-ups etc.?

2. **Power:** Does the power draw from these large commercial-sized developments increase or decrease the likelihood of power loss to the surrounding community? Does it increase or decrease the likelihood of power outages? Does the loss of power or the reinstatement of power — after a loss of power — damage the infrastructure? Additionally, does that reintroduction of power after a power loss increase or decrease the likelihood of surges along the power's path of travel as it is reintroduced to surrounding homes?

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that within the next 100 days, the Department of Water & Power in consultation with the Department of Building & Safety provide a detailed report to the City Council on the trends of these larger homes as it relates to power and water usage, the City's hillside infrastructure readiness, the increase or decrease of disruption over the past few decades, increase or decrease of damage to surrounding neighbors and community from power surges and pipe bursts, and the engineering and cost reality of our infrastructure needs and upgrades.

**Moved** by Maureen; **seconded** by Larry; Cathy Wayne would like this to include Ryu. She doesn't think this goes far enough. Larry wants this to include parameters; he'd like local power infrastructure assessment. **Vote was deferred for further discussion & action to the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting & retreat**



b. **Discussion & Motion for the BABCNC to Request Action of our Electeds & Departments RE: LADWP and Los Angeles County Tax Assessor for a simple and accurate comparison report of water and power usage data of existing home sizes (new and old), water and power they consume and hillside vs. non-hillside.**

**Proposed Motion for PAUL KORETZ to bring to City Council:**

- With unpredictable rainfall and dwindling snow-pack, California residents are routinely asked to limit their water usage due to drought. Additionally, as our planet becomes more unpredictable due to our climate impacts, and as our reliance on non-California produced energy grows, limiting our power usage becomes increasingly dire. For more than a decade, Los Angeles has seen a dramatic increase in home size within both its hillside and non-hillside designated areas. The beautiful views and seclusion of our hillsides have masked the quaint neighborhoods and limited infrastructure. In the “flats”, larger yards and spacious living have given way to towering homes and blocked sunlight. However, the need to conserve our limited resources so all may enjoy the California Dream is now on a likely crash-course with our societal push towards “Bigger is Better.”

- We have been told for many years that older homes are less efficient and use more resources than their new and larger counterparts. And while this might be true on a limited scale, it is hard to believe an old 2,500 sq ft home that is replaced with a 10,000 sq ft home actually uses less resources.

- As we are pushed to conserve, it is important that everyone have a simple and clear understanding of when “Bigger is not necessarily Better.” Additionally, for those looking to invest in upgrading their home, they should understand what various sized homes use as it relates to resources. An educated and informed homeowner is paramount to making the best decisions for themselves.

- A simple graphic from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (“LADWP”) that shows the water and power usage for multiple categories of square footage of livable space should be created. This graphic can list homes built prior to the year 2000, and those built after. The simplest and most accurate database for home size and year built would likely be the Los Angeles County Assessor, as they include most living space in the home size. Other agencies and departments often exclude portions of the home size for various reasons.

Below is an example of the nine categories in the sliding grouping of single family dwellings by size:

500 sq ft to 1,200 sq ft

1,200 sq ft to 2,500 sq ft

2,500 sq ft to 4,500 sq ft

4,500 sq ft to 6,000 sq ft

6,000 sq ft to 10,000 sq ft

10,000 sq ft to 20,000 sq ft

20,000 sq ft to 35,000 sq ft

35,000 sq ft to 50,000 sq ft

50,000 sq ft and above

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that within the next 100 days, the Department of Water & Power in consultation with the County Assessor, use their existing customer power and water usage data to issue an informational bulletin that simply and accurately compares various existing home sizes, new and old, water and power they consume, and hillside vs. non-hillside.

**Deferred to the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting & retreat due to time constraints.**

**21. Discussion & Possible Motion to support Preserve LA’s support of Tree issue on Cherokee where developers are planning to remove the historic trees – Cathy Wayne (See Attachment J)**

Cathy Wayne noted that they have already removed these trees and that nobody wants to take responsibility within our city. **No action**

**22. Bel Air Basement HCR Exemption Bel Air Basement HCR exemption (Discussion, Action & Submission of CIS) (Attachment K) – Maureen Levinson**

Discussion and possible MOTION regarding amendments to the existing Bel-Air HCR Overlay. On 4/20/2018 and 5/15/18 MOTIONS were introduced to make various amendments to the Bel-Air HCR

Overlay CF#16-1472. On July 5<sup>th</sup>, the Los Angeles City Council Unanimously voted to pass the two MOTIONS and instruct City Departments to begin drafting Code language to effectuate the requested amendments. These amendments include, among other items, the inclusion of basement square footage into the total allowable square-footage, and the limitation and restriction of proposed and existing rooftop decks (party decks).

**Proposed MOTION:** The BABCNC supports Council Member Koretz’s Bel-Air HCR Overlay Amendments MOTIONS, Council File 16-1472-S3 & 16-1472-S4, and a letter shall be drafted and signed by this Neighborhood Council stating the need for these Amendments and our support for them.

- For reference: See City Council Files: 16-1472-S3 & 16-1472-S4

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=16-1472-S3>

Bel Air-Beverly Crest Hillside Construction / Supplemental Use District / Regulate Construction of Single Family Homes and Rooftop Decks

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=16-1472-S4>

Bel Air-Beverly Crest / Follow Up / Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) 183497 / Code Amendment / Establishment of Hillside Construction Regulation District (HCR) / Additional Amendments

**Moved** by Maureen; **seconded** by Robert R.; Bob noted that open basements count part of the overall from ground up, and that this doesn’t address the envelope issue. He noted that we need to come up with an envelope cap, which will resolve this issue. Mike would like to have the committee look at this on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Maureen, Bob and Mike will work on this before the 5<sup>th</sup>. **Vote deferred to the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

### **23. Liaisons for City Departments – (Discussion & Possible Motion) Ellen Evans**

- We have experienced large-scale infrastructure projects in our area that are highly burdensome and come as a complete surprise to neighbors. We have infrastructure projects we are expecting that never seem to happen. DWP communication during the heat wave power outage was inadequate.
- In order to be in a better position to inform our constituents about provision of services and about infrastructure projects as well as to communicate issues to the appropriate City departments, we should strengthen our relationships with those departments.
- To do so, we should consider appointing liaisons to DWP, Sanitation, Street Services, Bureau of Engineering, Department of Transportation, Public Works and other departments as appropriate. These liaisons will establish relationships with specific individuals within those departments and maintain relationships with those individuals and their replacements. The plan would be to touch base on a regular schedule as well as when necessary.

**Motion:** To do this. **Deferred to the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting & retreat.**

### **24. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) – Greenberg, Miner & Schlesinger**

**a. Update by BABCNC WRAC Rep: WRAC approved the following motions: Deferred**

#### **b. Discussion and possible action: Oppose SB 831 (WRAC LUPC)**

Background: The bill would allow up to the 1,200 sf legal limit of the square footage of accessory dwelling units to be exempt from FAR calculations. However:

- i. No compelling reason has been stated for why this specific exemption is needed.
- ii. By exempting the FAR for ADUs, the floor area could increase 100% for buildings in low-density neighborhoods.
- iii. The City of Los Angeles has established 14 Floor Area Overlay Zones, and their FAR limits would be abolished.
- iv. Local municipalities should decide FAR standards like these.
- v. ADUs are not counted in State inventories of housing units or housing units projections.

**c. Discussion and possible action: Regulate Personal Electric Scooters (WRAC LUPC)** The BABCNC requests that the city regulate personal electric scooter issues with regard to public safety and accessibility. Background: Issues include requirement for a city business permit, use of helmets, fines for blocking the public right-of-way. The city has no regulations currently.

**d. Discussion and possible action: Support CEQA Appeals Code Amendment (WRAC LUPC)** The BABCNC supports CEQA Appeals Code Amendment of June 6, 2018 (CPC-2018- 2657-CA ENV-2018-2658-CE) and recommends limiting the fee for residents to \$250. Background: No formalized appeal process exists, and this amendment will allow residents to file appeals. A fee of \$250 is reasonable for the city, which has numerous low-income residents.

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

**a. Update by BABCNC LANCC Rep**

**26. Updates from BABCNC Representatives on Your Associations, Districts & Other Seats**

**27. Reports of BABCNC Liaisons (Updates & Discussion)**

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

**28. Motion: To select a “Resilience Liaison”** (Once chosen, they should visit website & register <https://empowerla.org/liaison/>. Person does not have to be a board member, and the President of the NC will be the default person if nobody is chosen. In the near future, the Mayor’s Office and EmpowerLA will co-host a Town Hall type meeting with the Resilience Liaisons from across the city to present and discuss this initiative in more detail. Neighborhood Councils will be asked by the Mayor's Office to come up with a Resilience Plan for their areas by late 2019. EmpowerLA will assist and support in that effort as we move along. Visit: <https://www.lamayor.org/Resilience>.  
- **Cathy Wayne** volunteered and the Board thanked her for doing so.

**29. 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**

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

DWP Advocacy Committee & MOU Oversight Committee Meetings:

1<sup>st</sup> Sat 8:45 am LADWP Cafeteria Level, 111 N. Hope St. 90012 (+Parking)

Advocacy Committee meets odd months. MOU Oversight Committee meets even months.

**31. Good of the Order** – Chuck reminded everyone that LA CERT at Colina Hills is open.

**32. Adjournment:** Cathy W. moved; Robert R. seconded; meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

**Our Next Meeting is the Our Annual Retreat @ American Jewish University, Room #223**  
**Sunday Morning August 5, 2018 9:30 am to 11:30 am**

**Next Regular Board Meetings @ American Jewish University, Room #223**

**Wednesday, September 26, 2018**

**Wednesday, October 24, 2018**

**Wednesday, November 28, 2018**

**Wednesday, December 19, 2018 (3<sup>rd</sup> Weds)**