



Building A Better Community

General Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday March 27, 2019 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

[American Jewish University](#)

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

[Accessible from the west side of Casiano Road. Park at lower parking (Lot 1)]

Public Comment: The public is welcome to speak. Though not mandatory, the public is requested to fill out a “**Speaker Card**” to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. When the Board considers agenda item “Public Comments,” the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Board’s jurisdiction. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker unless waived by presiding officer. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. The meeting may be audiotaped.

Public Access of Documents. In compliance with California Government Code (Govt. Code § 54957.5), non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed before the meeting at our website by clicking on www.babcnc.org or at the scheduled meeting. For a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact (310) 479-6247x7 or council@babcnc.org.

The American with Disabilities Act / Accommodations for Disabilities. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, listening devices, or other auxiliary aids/services will be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least three business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting us at (310) 479-6247x7 or e-mail council@babcnc.org.

Notice of Meetings. The agenda is posted for public review at the Bel Air Mail Room @ 2337 Roscomare Road, Unit #2, Los Angeles, CA 90077; the Glen Centre Postal Service @ 2934-1/2 North Beverly Glen Cir, 90077; Laurel Canyon Country Store @ 2108 Laurel Canyon Blvd, 90046, Glen Market @ 1603 N Beverly Glen Blvd., 90077, and/or the Shack in the Back @ Bel-Air Restaurant, 662 North Sepulveda Blvd., 90049. Agendas are online at www.babcnc.org and sent to those who signed up through www.babcnc.org you can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City’s Early Notification System at <https://www.lacity.org/subscriptions>

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call (quorum 15)**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of March 27, 2019 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
5. **Approval of February 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes** (Attachment A)
6. **Public Comment:** BABCNC welcomes comment on any topic not on adopted agenda, within the Board’s jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes, up to 15 minutes, unless waived by President.

Reports of Officers

7. **President’s Report – Robin Greenberg**
 - a. **Save the Date: March 28, 2019 6-9pm: EmpowerLA Awards 2019 Dinner**
 - b. **Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies** (Updates & Discussion)
 - i. Janet Turner, Field Representative for 33rd District Congressman Ted Lieu
 - ii. Erin Schneider, Field Representative for County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl

- iii. Jarrett Thompson, Field Representative for CD5 Councilmember Paul Koretz
 - iv. Madelynn Taras, Field Deputy for CD4 Councilmember David Ryu
 - v. CD5 LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Chris Ragsdale
 - vi. CD4 LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Anabelle Eubank
 - vii. Shawna Priscila Dungo, Funding Representative for the South LA, Harbor, and West LA areas / Office of the City Clerk Administrative Services Division / Neighborhood Council Funding Program
 - viii. Fabiola Inzunza, External Affairs / Community Liaison, Department of City Planning
 - ix. Jasmine Elbarbary, Neighborhood Council Advocate, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment
- c. **Getty Update:** Maya Zutler of the Getty Center will give update on Getty's additional parking

8. Vice President's Report – Nickie Miner

9. Secretary's Report – Robert Ringler

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

a. Update/Report from Treasurer

b. Motion: To approve **February 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (Attachment B)**

c. Motion: To approve additional elections expenditure of **\$75.92 retroactively** to Minuteman Press, for a 3.5% credit card surcharge on postage portion of election mailers 02/28/2019. (**Attachment C**)

11. IMPORTANT DATES leading up to BABCNC Election of June 2 @ Harvard-Westlake School

Meet & Greet at BABCNC Board Meeting.....Wednesday April 24, 2019 from 7-8 pm

Selections at BABCNC Board Meeting.....Wednesday May 22, 2019 from 7-8 pm

BABCNC Election at Harvard-Westlake School.....Sunday June 2, 2019 at 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm

Harvard-Westlake School 700 North Faring Road

Reports of Committees (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action)

12. Joint 2019 Elections Ad-Hoc Committee (made up of Elections & Outreach Committee members)

Elections Committee Members: *Leisten, Chair + Kennedy, Greenberg, Smith & Evans*

Outreach Committee Members: *Greenberg, Chair + Miner, Smith, Sandler, Stojka & M. Post*

a. Update/Report by Ellen or Robin on registered candidates by seat, who is certified and who is not.

13. Outreach Committee – Greenberg, Chair + Miner, Smith, Sandler, Stojka & M. Post

a. Update/Report by Chair: Committee met on March 7th at Bel Air Ridge to prepare for the Ben Allen Town Hall @ the Skirball which was held on March 14, 2019 7-9 pm.

14. Budget & Finance Committee – Kennedy, Chair + Hall, Greenberg, Farber, Wayne

a. Update/Report by Chair

15. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Maginnis, Chair + Smith, Sandler, Palmer, Kennedy, Farber, Savage, Levinson, M. Schlenker, Ron Cornell, Hildreth Simmons, Danielle Cohen & Seema Hassan]

a. Update/Report by Chair: Meeting held on March 20th @ Bel Air Ridge with speaker from LA-RICs

b. **Next EP Meeting: May 15th 7:00pm @ Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse @ 2760 Claray**

16. Planning & Land Use Committee –Schlesinger, Chair / Savage, Vice Chair + Greenberg, Miner, Kemp, Hall, Loze, Spradlin, Levinson, Weisberg + Steve Twining, Yves Mieszala & Stella Grey

a. Update/Report by Chair: Projects heard at the **March 12, 2018** PLU Committee meeting:

b. 454 Cuesta Way: Continued. Waiting for the Bel Air Association review of the project.

c. 1663 Summitridge: Did not show; is scheduled to be reviewed in April.

d. 1376 Angelo Drive: Will be sent a copy of the HCR Overlay along with a number of conditions that need to be met, including a hauling plan and route, wild life corridors, cumulative impact, working

with the neighbors and a number of other questions that were not answered. Project does not have a contractor yet, who could answer a number of the questions asked.

- e. **2545 Bowmont:** A number of issues and questions asked, lacking sufficient information. Neighbors were not notified and have a number of issues with this project. The MDRB sent the owners back. The MDRB sent the project back to downsize dwelling. We want to see a new version of the plans.
- f. **Next PLU Committee Meeting: Tuesday April 9th @ 7:00 pm @ AJU, Rm #223**

17. Traffic Committee – Irene Sandler, Chair + Stojka, Pierson, Copcutt, Weisberg, Farber, Greenberg, Leisten & Patricia Templeton

- a. Update/Report by Chair
- b. Next Meeting: TBD

18. Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues (Update, Discussion & Possible Action)

Greenberg Chair + Mann, Hall, Schlesinger, Savage, Wayne, Miner, Evans, Smith

- a. Update/Report by Chair Meeting was held on March 7, 2019 at Bel Air Ridge; no quorum.
- b. Next Meeting: TBD

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

20. Budget Representative Report – Ellen Evans & Jacqueline Le Kennedy

21. Reports of BABCNC Liaisons (Updates & Discussion)

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

New Business / Motions & Resolutions

- 22. Discussion and Possible Motion** To support Paul Koretz’s new motion on Wiener’s SB58 opposing keeping bars open to 4:00 am: “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, with the concurrence of the Mayor, by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 58 (Wiener), which would allow select cities in California to issue permits extending the cut off time for alcohol sales to 4 am.” CF 19-002-S39 (Attachment D)

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0002-S39>

- 23. Discussion and Possible Motion:** To support motion presented by Paul Krekorian and seconded by Joe Buscaino adding Burbank Airport to the original motion presented by Paul Koretz and seconded by Paul Krekorian, to study impacts of Noise on Van Nuys Airport. The Councilmember’s motion states: I HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee Report relative to requesting the Federal Aviation Administration to address the noise impact of new instructions for departing flights from Van Nuys Airport, to add recommendation “c” to read as follows: c. Take into account the relationship between any changes in departing flight guidelines, instructions or procedures at Van Nuys Airport on the impacts Los Angeles communities caused by flights departing from Hollywood Burbank Airport. See Council File #15-0367-S2 (Attachment E)

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=15-0367-S2>

See Original Motion 01/19/2019: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0367-s2_mot_01-18-2019.pdf

See Report back: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0367-s2_rpt_ttt_2-27-2019.pdf

See Amended Motion: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0367-S2_mot_2-27-19.pdf

24. Discussion and Possible Motion: To support the State Assembly Bill AB1788 (Bloom) as amended, regarding pesticides: use of anticoagulants: The bill was AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 19, 2019 Calif. Legislature 2019–20 regular session ASSEMBLY BILL No. 1788 Introduced by Assembly Member Bloom February 22, 2019: An act to amend Section 12978.7 of, and to add Section 12978.8 to, the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to pesticides.

[Of note, on 03/26 it will be heard by the Assembly's Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials committee and, if passed, organization and individual comment letters are requested in time for a second committee hearing within the State Assembly, "Water Parks and Wildlife" on April 9th Support Letter is due April 2nd. (**Attachment F**)

25. Discussion and Possible Action – Ellen Evans: Due to the fact that the Neighborhood Council has only three days to provide comment on any protected tree removal, a timeline which effectively prevents any deliberation on the issue, and due to the fact that trees in general and protected habitat are both obviously beneficial and also unable to advocate for themselves, the Neighborhood Council should set a policy of opposing every protected tree removal received. A single member of the Council should be designated to respond on behalf of the Council to each removal and to add any specifics necessary to a general opposition letter that will be developed and adopted by the Council. This letter will be sent out on behalf of the council within the three-day response window. (**Attachment G: Email from DONE to RE Community-Forestry Advisory Committee (C-FAC) info on notice of planned tree removals**)

26. Scenic Highways: This item came up at the Environmental Issues Ad-Hoc Committee at their 09/24/2018 meeting and the 03/07/2019 meeting; however, was deferred due to lack of quorum. **Discussion and Possible Action:** To set up guidelines, as interim guidelines are not being followed; to encourage Councilmembers from CD4 & CD5 that the city needs to provide funding to adopt the guidelines and to confer with experts. (Of note, per the 09/24 minutes, Ellen discussed with Nick Greif of CD4 that the guidelines were extremely old and it was agreed that this is an issue.)

27. Liaisons for City Departments – (Discussion & Possible Motion) – Ellen Evans

Motion: Review and clarify appointments for board member liaisons with City Departments, as per November & December meetings:

- Leslie Weisberg to be liaison for the DWP
- Ellen Evans & Mindy Mann for the Bureau of Street Services
- Cathy Wayne, Irene Sandler & Ellen Evans for LA Department of Transportation, RE: Traffic/Parking
- Stephanie Savage for Bureau of Engineering. Stephanie also reached out to a senior Code Enforcement Supervisor and asked to be a liaison with that department as well as BOE.

28. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils – Robin Greenberg

a. Update/Report by WRAC Representative – Robin Greenberg: At their Wednesday March 20, 2019 meeting, WRAC passed and asked for NC support for the following motions:

b. Update, Discussion & Possible Motion on the LA River: Motion requesting that the City of Los Angeles coordinate flood protection and mitigation of existing flooding risks in the Los Angeles River area with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and County of Los Angeles (LUC)

Proposed Motion: " _____ NC/CC supports the idea that all agencies (city, county, state, federal) study options to reduce the impact of a 100-year flood, the costs of which will largely be borne by tax payers. These studies shall include the County gaining control of the channel from the U.S. Army Corps, removing sediment build-up, reducing hardscape (parking lots, building footprints) and expanding open space, increasing the size of spreading grounds and adding drywells to infiltrate storm water into aquifers, adding swales to small medians and yards, strengthening dams and levees, and

evaluating land use and zoning designations within the proximity of the river, which may result in downzoning.” Facts and background:

1. The 2016 USACE Hydrology Report, Floodplain Analysis- Los Angeles River: Barham Boulevard to First Street Flood Plain Management Services Special Study [ii] sponsored by the city is a comprehensive study that shows that much of the Atwater Village in a high-risk flood zone (risk increased from regular/”safe” Zone X to special Zones A and AE). Proposed FEMA Flood maps show this information, but have not been finalized for release to the public, insurance companies and mortgage companies. As many as 3,000 parcels (homes and businesses) may be at risk (874 houses are currently at risk), as a result of the proposed flood zone remapping. [iii]

2. Current FEMA FIRM Flood Maps may be inaccurate, because they do not account for this more current/ accurate information in the USACE Report. Flood insurance and mortgages are based on these maps, and insurance and rates likely will increase if flood risk increases. Building foundations may need to be raised, which is expensive and complex construction.

3. River LA (DBA of Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation) was a public non-profit that was created by the City of Los Angeles and initially funded by the CRA, but many of the board members were developers, instead of the area residents. Increased building size and reduced open space were planned.

4. The City has no flood control authority, but has land use/ zoning authority. The County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have flood control authority.

5. Mitigations include early warning systems, channel cleaning, channel size/capacity increase. 6. The L.A. River flood channel lost 50% of capacity from sediment runoff, related to increased paving and development. 7. Current flood protection is 20-year storm with Hesco Barriers, which can increase to 51-year storm if cleaned out. FEMA requires protection from 100-year storm. Findings and justifications:

1. The Planning Dept. and Bureau of Engineering may have reserved an insufficient amount of land for storm water spreading grounds for large floods. By construction large buildings and impervious pavement, insufficient soil volume may be provided for required infiltration.

2. In A and AE zones (problematic “special” flood zones), downzoning and reduced density may be required, and open space may need to be increased.

3. All citizens of Los Angeles may face liability from inaccurate flood maps, improper zoning, and insufficient mitigation of flood risks in all areas of the city. VII.

c. Motion Opposing Car for Hire digital Advertising (Broide) There is a new motion presented by Blumenfield pertaining to video advertisements mounted on taxicab vehicles. As the placement of such devices on top of vehicles is already illegal in Los Angeles, the associated action needed is for LAPD to enforce the law. NCs should consider supporting the Blumenfield motion, Council File 19-0104.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0104>

Proposed Motion: " _____ NC/CC opposes legalization of video advertisements mounted on taxicabs and for-hire vehicles (including services such as Lyft and Uber); and supports the motion by Councilmember Blumenfield to change TaxiCab Rule 415(c), as set forth in Council File 19-0104."

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

30. Adjournment **Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 7:00pm @ AJU #223**