



Building A Better Community

General Board Meeting Minutes

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

[American Jewish University](#)

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

Present: 21 (Quorum 15)

<u>2018/2019 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association		
<i>Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair</i>		X
Bel Air District		
<i>Maureen Levinson</i>	X	
<i>Leslie Weisberg</i>		X
Bel Air Glen District		
<i>Larry Leisten, Bylaws & Elections Chair</i>		X
Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA) [Formerly RVA]		
<i>Robin Greenberg, President</i>	X	
<i>Michael Kemp</i>	X	
Bel Air Ridge HOA		
<i>André Stojka</i>	X	
Benedict Canyon Association (Alternates: Matt Post & David Scott Kadin)		
<i>Robert (Bob) Schlesinger, PLU Committee Chair</i>	X	
<i>Don Loze</i>		X
<i>Nickie Miner, Vice President</i>	X	
<i>Mindy Rothstein Mann</i>		X

2018/2019 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives	Present	Not Present
Casiano Estates Association		
<i>Sam Sanandaji, DPM</i>	X	
Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts		
<i>Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Treasurer</i>	X	
Custodians of Open Space		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D.</i>		X
Faith-Based Organizations		
<i>Maureen Smith</i>	X	
Franklin-Coldwater District		
<i>Jeremy Summer</i>		X
K-6 Private Schools		
<i>Vacant</i>		
7-12 Private Schools		
<i>Jon Wimbish</i>	X	
Public Educational Institutions (K-12)		
<i>Kathy Copcutt</i>	X	
Holmby Hills Association		
<i>Jason Spradlin</i>		X
Laurel Canyon Association (<i>Tony Tucci Resigned 02-27-2019; Now is an Alternate</i>)		
<i>Jamie Hall</i>	X	
<i>Stephanie Savage</i>	X	
<i>Cathy Wayne</i>	X	
<i>Heather Roy</i>	X	
Members-at-Large		
<i>Dan Love</i>		X
<i>Chuck Maginnis, EP Chair</i>	X	

<u>2018/2019 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
<i>Pamela Pierson, M.D.</i>	X	
Member-at-Large / Youth Seat		
<i>Robinson (Rob) Farber</i>	X	
North of Sunset District		
<i>Luis Pardo</i>	X	
<i>Ellen Evans</i>		X
Residents of Beverly Glen		
<i>Robert A. Ringler, Secretary</i>	X	
<i>Dan Palmer</i>	X	
Total:	21	10 absent & 1 vacancy

- 1. Call to Order:** President Robin Greenberg called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
- 2. Roll Call (quorum 15):** Secretary Robert Ringler called roll with 16 board members present initially, 18 by 7:19 pm; Pamela arrived at 8:21 pm & Sam at 8:30 for a total of 21 present, 10 absent and 1 vacancy.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approval of March 27, 2019 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
Moved by Cathy Wayne; **seconded** by Maureen Levinson; **16 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions: approved.**
- 5. Approval of February 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Moved by Cathy Wayne; **seconded** by Kathy Copcutt; **16 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions: approved.**
- 6. Public Comment:** At the conclusion of the meeting, several audience members gave public comment.
 - **David & Helen Toomey** attended the meeting this evening. David stated that they reside at 1050 Acanto Place, which looks back at 1090 Acanto Place. He noted that a developer bought it and denuded the property. David had notified them of the protective trees when the owner first bought it; however, they have taken action to kill several of them, according to Urban Forestry. David said that the developer initially said he did not have a report but then produced one, and the next day came and cut the tree down. Urban Forestry came out the next day, which led to a private hearing, and it has been shut down since last summer. David received a notice that the developer has applied to remove three oaks, one of which may be 50+ years old and thriving, and David is afraid they will take this down through back channels. Jamie explained that we are going to ask them to come to the PLU meeting and to fulfill requirements where they have to prove that the tree removal is reasonable, and even if he does not come, we will have a hearing and take a vote. Jamie explained that they can invite the neighbors, then this would go to the Board of Public Works. Jamie concluded that we are here to provide a forum. Maureen Levinson noted that she has received two notices to have two trees removed which notification differs from having three trees removed, and that there will be a hearing before the Board of Public Works. Jamie Hall related that at the PLU meeting, we discussed a protocol, to include inviting them to the PLU meeting where we will vote on the project and provide a letter. If they get a board public hearing before the PLU meeting we will reach out to Kevin James to ask them to extend, and ask the city to defer making a decision until they come to the PLU Committee meeting.
 - **Randolph Davis** introduced himself at the conclusion of the meeting, noting that he lives on Selkirk off Beverly Glen. He thanked us for what we are doing.

Reports of Officers

7. **President's Report – Robin Greenberg:** Robin thanked all those who helped set up the Ben Allen event, who provided questions for the senator, and gave a special thank you to André Stojka. The event went well.
- a. **EmpowerLA Awards 2019 March 28, 2019 6-9pm: Dinner in the Courtyard @ City Hall**
 - b. **Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies (Updates & Discussion)**
 - i. **Janet Turner, Field Representative for 33rd District Congressman Ted Lieu:**
 - Janet sent best wishes to all from Congressman Ted Lieu. Their office is moving the week before Easter to the WLA Municipal Bldg., 1st floor, across from Sheila Kuehl's office; expect to be settled there by May. Janet mentioned items including the following:
 - “Protecting Pre-existing Conditions And Making Health Care More Affordable Act of 2019” a bill co-signed by Ted Lieu, introduced by Nancy Pelosi. It does not discount “Medicare For All.” See link:
<https://energycommerce.house.gov/sites/democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/files/documents/Health%20Care%20Bill%20One%20Pager.pdf>
 - She noted that a lawsuit has been filed by Congress and others opposing air traffic noise. “H.R.976 - Air Traffic Noise and Pollution Expert Consensus Act of 2019.”
<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/hr976> HR976 directs FAA administrator to prepare a report on health impacts of noise & pollution from local planes, jets & drones.
 - “Environmental Study for the WLA VA Master Plan” asked that they limit traffic affecting the neighborhood, only work during business hours. They expect to remove 400 trees, and the Congressman is asking that they be replaced with trees of same maturity.
 - 205, 207 and 209 break ground in May, which they expect to be done in 18-24 months.
 - Shelter/temporary housing sponsored by the LA City and LA County; they hit a sewer surrounded by asbestos, so it will be done by summer, with 100 shelter beds on campus.
 - There is a plan for MacArthur Field for 120 new units.
 - ii. **Erin Schneider, Field Representative for County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl:**

Erin gave a brief update. She provided written update to Robin.

 - Yesterday the board voted to update County codes to address risks to public health with regard to smoking cigarettes and cannabis. The ordinance will apply to County facilities, 5,000 facilities, to include hospitals, museums, bus stops, beaches, and other locations.
 - Yesterday the board issued a notice to purchase a mental health building for bridge housing in Canoga Park.
 - The board banned the use of glyphosate weed killer (used in Monsanto Round-Up); outlined alternatives and best practices.
 - They banned the use of pepper spray at juvenile facilities.
 - The board passed a motion to ask relevant departments to report back in 90 days with draft for all County housing to have pets.
 - Their department is planning a “Connect Day” in April for those experiencing homelessness. She noted that the neighborhood council can help as a council or as individuals with funding opportunities, though this is not in our direct area, with clothes, shoes, reusable bags, blankets, etc. hygiene products; full-sized toothpastes & deodorants. Their office at the WLA Municipal building is a drop off site. CM Koretz's will be the storage site. They need help at the event Wednesday.
 - [Heather Roy arrived at 7:18 pm.]

- iii. **Jarrett Thompson, Field Rep. for CD5 Councilmember Paul Koretz:** Not present
- iv. **Madelynn Taras, Field Deputy for CD4 Councilmember David Ryu:**
 - Update included but was not limited to: 1) Home Sharing Ordinance FAQ;
 - 2) E-scooters had a couple of meetings; updated information on the one-year program.
 - 3) DWP project: Replacing poles and underground cable close to Coldwater deemed a high priority until April 4, from 9-3 Monday through Thursday; no Friday, Saturday or Sunday at this time; if they need to include, she will let us know. Let them know if no one is manning traffic.
 - Jamie related that there are still boulders at Laurel Canyon Boulevard, south of Kirkwood, where the K-rails are. Madelynn noted that the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) is inundated with requests after the rains, so they were making roads passable, to take out the dirt; they did not have the manpower, and have been saying “wait until the rains are over.” She asked that we provide addresses, cross streets, photos, if safe to take & that she will add those to the tasks. She noted all the red curbs are a high priority.
- v. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Chris Ragsdale 26690@lapd.online** Chris related that last month he spoke about the burglary series trending from Westwood up to North of Sunset to Bel Air. That has subsided over the last week and a half to two weeks, with no burglaries in the mission area; however, this type of crime is fluctuating up and down the state; we do not want to become fully complacent; need to do everything we can to protect our homes & property. Of the grand theft autos, 43% of all the stolen cars out of the WLA area, almost half had either the FOBs or keys inside the car when recovered. He asked that we spread the word to our neighbors and associations. **It is important to not only lock the car but also make sure there are no keys or FOBs left inside the vehicle.** He spoke on surveillance; related a story of a violent robbery to a pregnant woman today in which the surveillance video played a role in solving the crime. He recommends getting both a property view and a street view. He noted that five suspects are being charged with attempted murder as well as others. They were not from that area. Once they got the license plate, they put the pieces together quickly and solved the case. Surveillance video plays a crucial role. Questions were asked and answered including about other cases in the news, e.g., the Waring incident in the Melrose area, which he believes has not been solved, Westfield and UCLA incidents. Reach out to Chris when you have questions, issues or concerns.
- vi. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Anabelle Eubank** – Not present
- vii. **Shawna Priscila Dungo, Funding Representative Office of the City Clerk Neighborhood Council Funding Program** – Not present
- viii. **Fabiola Inzunza, External Affairs / Community Liaison, Department of City Planning.** Fabiola introduced Isaiah Ross, who represents the Valley. She related that there are three community liaisons, and she covers West, South and Harbor. She attends WRAC (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils) where she gives major announcements. Fabiola gave us a brief overview, to include:
 - Her role is to be a direct link; if you are trying to reach a planner, you can reach her first and she will help you get to whom you need to speak to quicker.
 - Education on Planning: A training on **Planning 101 on the Environmental Review Process** is coming up. There are seven trainings coming across the city, next in May.
 - They communicate regularly. On a quarterly basis, they publish a housing progress report, one was recently released for the past quarter. They release numbers on the Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Affordable Housing, Accessory Dwelling Units, and unpermitted dwelling units, the legalization of those. They include data on by-right

projects. There is a monthly newsletter that includes “Community Corner” a monthly digest of what was adopted and citywide updates. Daily they are active on social media at planning for LA. Search: @planning4la In addition, YouTube account has archived past Planning 101 trainings with videos on polices, project planning series, how we update community plans, etc.

- Luis asked about ReCodeLA, to which she noted that they recently reached a “Processes and Procedures Ordinance” and have taken all the workflows, decreased redundancies. She related that this is a first milestone, a new chapter of their zoning code as they update community plans throughout the city, to complete by 2024. They will be slowly rezoning cities; and are still adopting processes and procedures. Some community plans are receiving the Recode treatment.

- Jamie noted that we just had a discussion to have a BABCNC training for Land Use committee members, to go over things such as the Hillside Ordinance, Retaining Walls Ordinance and Protective Tree Ordinance. Fabiola welcomed us to partner up, and said she will help us connect with the right people.

ix. **Jasmine Elbarbary, Neighborhood Council Advocate, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment:** Jasmine spoke on “resiliency”, noting that by the end of the week, the department will send a template for all NCs to complete a resiliency plan for their own neighborhood. The template will be released and they will assist us in filling it out. Monthly profile goes out on Monday. She noted that there are many Earth Day and Earth Month activities; Dept. of Sanitation has an event on April 20th at Woodley Park.

c. **Getty Update by Maya Zutler of the Getty Center** – Robin introduced Maya who noted that the Getty is participating in Earth Hour this Saturday night, shutting off nonessential lights for an hour 8:30 to 9:30pm. She spoke on a project at the Getty for which they posted a website, to add parking capacity on the Getty property, and they are submitting an application to the Planning Dept. There will be two areas: Enter on Getty Center Drive. Instead of turning left, this parcel is to the right; it was used by Cal Trans for staging during the 405-expansion project. In front of the two retaining walls is a flat area that they have graded on Getty property. They will put down asphalt, stripe it, use landscaping, and add a small restroom facility – a small waiting area. They hope it will add 200 parking stalls. A second option would be to put buses there, to reduce the passenger vehicles. They would sort them and direct them. They have put renderings on their website. You can submit questions or comments through that email. They anticipate 5-6 months of construction; a long permitting process. Maureen noted that the Bel Air Community would appreciate the possibility of buses being able to park there. She asked if they are considering that Cal Trans may need a similar availability for the transit options. Maya noted that the Getty is very open to all transit options though it is early in the process. They are eager to be involved. Maya noted that they met with the institutions, the County, Metro and Cal Trans.

8. Vice President’s Report – Nickie Miner – Nickie gave credit to Robin for doing a great job in setting up the Senator Ben Allen town hall at the Skirball, noting that it paid off and was quite wonderful.

9. Secretary’s Report – Robert Ringler – Robert related that in the City of LA you can call 311, if the scooter is blocking the sidewalk; a two-hour window. Use the MyLA311app, go to “obstruction” or “other” and describe where it is.

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)**

Moved by Robert;; **seconded** by Maureen L.; **17 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved** (Dan & Chuck stepped out.)

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 Moved** by Robert;; **seconded** by Maureen L.; **18 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved** (Chuck was still out)

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 on registered candidates by seat, who is certified and who is not.

- Robin thanked Jon Wimbish for allowing us to use the Harvard-Westlake Middle School for our Elections. She noted that the election candidate-filing period has closed. The city is certifying them now. Candidates will be invited to our Meet & Greet. Jeff Ebenstein is working on certifying our candidates. Robin congratulated Ellen and Larry (both absent this evening) who worked hard on this. Ellen did a great job with social media and attracting candidates. Larry spent time on the City. [Chuck returned at 8:16 pm]

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

a. Update/Report by Chair: The Outreach 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. Robin gave credit to the committee, and all those who worked hard to prepare our town hall, with special thanks to André.

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

a. Update/Report by Chair – No report

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 - Chuck gave update, noting they had a great meeting, with 15 present; had a LA-RICS, Regional Interoperable Communications System spokesperson. We last heard from them four years ago. This is about getting a unified communications system between LAPD, LAFD, and various jurisdictions. They expect to get it going in 2020. LA County will build their own system; UCLA will be part of it.

- [Pamela Pierson just arrived at 8:21.]

- Chuck noted that we also discussed map overlays. Maureen Levinson related that there are layers, including fault lines. She would like to see the wildlife corridor, a useful tool for our PLU meetings as well as fire roads. Chuck asked Maureen if she thinks that the people could navigate so HOAs could have them for their associations. She recommended pooling together with the list of ideas. Robert asked the HOAs to outline their boundaries first. Chuck does not know what Travis would need. Everyone was interested in this.

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**: This item was continued. Robert noted that we are waiting for the Bel Air Association review of the project. Nickie and Maureen mentioned the issue of protected trees. Jamie recalled that we discussed a protocol to ask applicants to come to the PLU meeting to present their tree removal project, to explain what alternatives they looked at and to explain why planning should grant them the permit. Robert reiterated that we also need more notice. Jamie noted that Adel Hagekhalil, Director of the Bureau of Street Services, said they are working on giving more notice.
- c. **1663 Summitridge**: Did not show; is scheduled to be reviewed in April.
- d. **1376 Angelo Drive**: Robert noted that they would 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. Robert said he will meet next week.
- e. **2545 Bowmont**: A number of issues and questions were asked, they were lacking sufficient information. Neighbors were not notified and have a number of issues with this project. The MDRB sent the owners back and sent the project back to downsize dwelling. We want to see a new version of the plans. It was noted that the person could not answer half the questions.
- 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: **April 11th 10:00 am at Bel Air Crest Clubhouse**

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

Maureen Levinson attended the Purple Line meeting in Westwood, noting that they're beginning to build tunnel from the VA to Century City. There are two boring machines working on two entrances; two on the north-west side of Westwood Blvd. where the Chase Bank is; and another on the other side, going the other direction. There was a representative on real estate to discuss underground easements for tunneling and there were upset residents there. They explained the procedure; will start negotiations in the summer. If they are tunneling or have an easement, you cannot build or do anything with your house unless you have Metro's approval. There will be no parking lots. They suggested e-scooters or bikes. She thinks we need parking. Robert asked, and she replied that the transit corridor is still in the feasibility study; supposed to start in May 2020.

Jamie Hall noted that neighborhood associations have partnered to write a comment letter for the Hollywood Community Plan. They took a meeting with Emma Howard, David Ryu's Senior Planner, to talk about the plan; it only has two pages for hillside issues and is almost all about the flats. We may not get a chance to see another community plan for 20 years, though the hills comprise two-thirds of the Hollywood Community Plan area. He noted that David Ryu supports our efforts to add language into the plan; they want us to come back with 10-15 pages of actual language; they have engaged a consultant, will put together draft update language, and would like to shop it around to community stakeholders. DSPNA & LCA have areas in the Hollywood Community Plan. Robert was told it will not happen here until 2020; Jamie thinks what they do can be useful for our upcoming community plan.

Luis Pardo spoke on behalf of the Saban Community Clinic Board, and thanked everyone for their support for Barbara Yaroslavsky. He noted that they will have a clinic at Blessed Sacrament run by the Saban Community Clinic for homeless and formerly homeless individuals.
[Sam Sanandaji arrived at 8:30.]

Chuck Maginnis noted that there were comments about the loud cars in Bel Air. Maureen mentioned that she was contacting Chris Ragsdale and the noise stopped. Chuck noted that the Neighborhood Watch EP List worked. Chuck thanked Maureen.

Pamela Pierson noted that Long Beach City Council has taken on three projects with a stern hand as to limiting e-bikes and scooters and put out harsh guidelines on AirB&B.

Maureen Levinson added that there will be 12 companies approved for a pilot program with e-scooters and bikes for a year.

20. Budget Representative Report – Ellen Evans & Jacqueline Le Kennedy – None

21. Reports of BABCNC Liaisons (Updates & Discussion)

- a. Animal Services Liaison – Travis Longcore – Absent
- b. Department of Public Works & Film Liaison – Dan Love – Absent
- d. Homelessness Liaison – Leslie Weisberg – Absent
- e. Purposeful Aging Liaison – Jacqueline Le Kennedy – None

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>

Moved by Robert; seconded by Chuck; **21 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved.**

- 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

Moved by Cathy; seconded by André. This is about both Van Nuys and Burbank; **21 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved.**

- 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**)
Moved by Nickie; **seconded** by Robert S.; **21 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved.**
- 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**) - Jamie suggested we defer this until Ellen gets back and discuss it. **Continued**
- 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.)
Moved by Jamie; **seconded** by Dan P.; **21 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention;** Chuck; **approved.**
- 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 Code Enforcement & Bureau of Engineering
Motion: To add Stephanie as a liaison to Code Enforcement & Bureau of Engineering
Moved by Robert; **seconded** by Robert; **21 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved**
- 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:** BABCNC 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.

Moved by Robert S.; **seconded** by Rob; **18 yes; 0 no; 3 abstentions** Heather, Chuck & Andre; **passed**.

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: "BABCNC 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."

Moved by Chuck; **seconded** by Andre; **20 yes; 1 no**: Kathy Copcutt; **0 abstentions: approved.**

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

Sam Sanadaji BABCNC Casiano Estates Representative noted that the neighborhood is seriously interested in putting a gate in front, to make it a private neighborhood. André noted that Bel Air Glen is trying to do the same thing.

30. Adjournment Moved by Robin and seconded; meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 will begin with a Meet & Greet of our Elections & Selections Candidates from 7pm to 8pm followed by abbreviated Board Meeting from 8pm to 9pm @ our regular meeting room #223 at AJU