



General Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 19, 2019 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
American Jewish University
15600 Mulholland Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90077

Present: 23 (Quorum 15)

2018/2019 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
<i>Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association</i>		
<i>Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair</i>	X	
<i>Bel Air District</i>		
<i>Mark Goodman, M.D. (Elected 06/02/2019)</i>	X	
<i>Gail Sroloff (Elected 06/02/2019)</i>		X
<i>Bel Air Glen District</i>		
<i>Larry Leisten (Re-appointed 06/19/2019)</i>	X	
<i>Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA)</i>		
<i>Robin Greenberg, President</i>	X	
<i>Wendy Morris (Appointed 06/19/19 replacing M. Kemp)</i>	X	
<i>Bel Air Ridge HOA</i>		
<i>André Stojka</i>	X	
<i>Benedict Canyon Association (Alternate: Matt Post)</i>		
<i>Robert (Bob) Schlesinger, PLU Committee Chair</i>	X	
<i>Donald Loze</i>	X	
<i>Nickie Miner, Vice President</i>		X
<i>Mindy Rothstein Mann</i>	X	

<i>2018/2019 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</i>	Present	Not Present
<i>Casiano Estates Association</i>		
<i>Sam Sanandaji, DPM</i>		X
Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts		
<i>Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Treasurer (Re-elected 06/02/19)</i>		X
Custodians of Open Space		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D. (Re-selected 05/22/2019)</i>	X	
Faith-Based Organizations		
<i>Jackie DeFede (Selected 05/22/2019)</i>	X	
Franklin-Coldwater District		
<i>Maureen Smith (Appointed 06/19/2019)</i>	X	
K-6 Private Schools		
<i>Teresa Lee (Appointed 06/19/2019)</i>	X	
7-12 Private Schools		
<i>Jon Wimbish (Re-selected 05/22/2019)</i>		X
Public Educational Institutions (K-12)		
<i>Kristie Holmes (Elected 06/02/2019)</i>		X
Holmby Hills Association		
<i>Jason Spradlin</i>		X
Laurel Canyon Association (Anne Alexander & Kris Le Fan, Alternates as of 06/19/2019)		
<i>Jamie Hall</i>		X
<i>Stephanie Savage</i>	X	
<i>Cathy Wayne</i>	X	
<i>Anne Alexander, Alternate for Heather Roy</i>	X	
Members-at-Large		
<i>Chuck Maginnis, EP Chair (Re-elected 06/02/2019)</i>	X	
<i>Marcia Wilson Hobbs (Elected 06/02/2019)</i>	X	

2018/2019 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
<i>Shawn Bayliss (Elected 06/02/2019)</i>	X	
Member-at-Large / Youth Seat		
<i>Philip Enderwood (Elected 06/02/2019)</i>		X
North of Sunset District		
<i>Ellen Evans (Elected 06/02/2019)</i>	X	
<i>Yves Mieszala (Elected 06/02/2019)</i>	X	
Residents of Beverly Glen		
<i>Robert A. Ringler, Secretary</i>	X	
<i>Dan Palmer</i>	X	
Total:	23	9

1. **Call to Order** – Robin Greenberg called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. **Roll Call (quorum 15)** Robert Ringler called the roll and quorum was met. Irene & Marcia arrived. Wendy Morris, Teresa Lee, Maureen Smith & Larry Leisten were appointed to vacant seats, totaling 23 present.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Swearing In of Newly-Elected Board Members (Election of Sunday June 2, 2019) – Robin Greenberg**
At-Large Traditional Stakeholder Representatives: Marcia Wilson Hobbs and Shawn Bayliss
At-Large Community Interest Stakeholder Representative: Chuck Maginnis
At-Large Youth Representative: *Philip Enderwood (absent)*
Non-Residential Group Representative – Public Schools: *Kristie Holmes (absent)*
Non-Residential Group Representative – Commercial / Office Enterprise: *Jacqueline L. Kennedy (absent)*
Public Residential Bel Air District Representatives: Mark P. Goodman; *Gail Sroloff who was absent.*
Public Residential North of Sunset District Representatives: Ellen Evans and Yves Mieszala
- Greg Martayan, CD5 Public Safety Representative for Paul Koretz, led the swearing in of the recently-elected board members who were present. He dedicated the swearing in to Police Officer Esmeralda Ramirez, who was laid to rest today, having died June 9th at 49 years of age, due to an on-the-job injury, leaving behind three children and three grandchildren. She served the Pacific Division. Greg welcomed the new board members to the City family and thanked them all for their continued service.
5. **Appointment to Board Seat Vacant Due to Resignation:** Wendy Morris was appointed to the Bel Air Hills Association Seat, replacing Michael Kemp, who has resigned from his seat.
6. **Appointments to Board Seats Vacant Due to Selection or Election**
 - i. **Motion:** Teresa Lee, Selection Candidate, for Non-Residential Stakeholder Group, “K-6 Private Schools” **moved** by Cathy W.; **seconded** by Bob; **18/0/0 approved**
[Irene arrived at this point.]
 - ii. **Motion:** Nomination of Maureen Smith for the Elected Residential District seat, “Franklin-Coldwater District” **moved** by Maureen Smith, **seconded** by Cathy; **19/0/0 approved**
 - iii. **Motion:** Nomination for the Elected Residential District seat, “Bel Air Glen District” – Catie Lee Casazza self nominated; Ellen Evans nominated Larry Leisten. Discussion was held. Robert Ringler opined that it is problematic for both as neither live in the district and recommended tabling it. Robert suggested that Travis or our DONE representative comment on this. *[Marcia arrived @ 7:19.]*

Travis responded that the issue is 1) we have just nominated someone in the exact same circumstance to a position. 2) There was an opportunity for people from that geographical district to apply for and run for the seat in previous election. So, we are only in the situation because that didn't happen, by virtue perhaps a mistake on the map resulting in there being a vacancy here. Travis asked and Larry expressed a desire to continue to serve that district. Larry noted that since he sold his home, he remains in continued contact with the community including the neighbors and the HOA manager. He has spiritual ties and knowledge and familiarity to the community which is tight.

Dan Palmer asked how we can know that they will attend the HOA meetings or whatever is involved in that community, outside of a phone call, and if it be a full commitment that they are part of that board. Mark Goodman noted that he had a question about how this election worked; Larry didn't know him from Adam and Larry did the research and reached out to him and got him an answer; he believes that Larry can communicate with them, with a point of contact. Dan asked to hear answers to his question from volunteers for this position.

Larry responded that he is in contact with the HOA manager by email roughly once a month or so, and that while he doesn't get access to the minutes anymore, he is always communicating with him, derivative of their board, on any issue that impacts him directly or indirectly, and always solicits whatever he could do for the association and board. Larry stated that he used to represent Bel Air Glen directly until an entire new Board was seated, and after a year or so, decided it no longer wished to participate on the BABCNC. Bel-Air Glen continues its preference not to participate on BABCNC and to interface directly with the Councilman's Office and City departments. He noted he continually communicates relevant information back the HOA manager and offers to assist HOA with any effort where the BABCNC might be of assistance. Such info includes recent information regarding increase overhead air traffic, annual open house of Fire Station 99, among other issues as they arise such as proposed Sherman Oaks Hills traffic management plan.

Catie Lee Casazza related that she has lived in the neighborhood her entire life and has attended these HOA meetings as a residential contractor and owner of a design-build firm. She has physically been at these HOA meetings. She lives so close to Beverly Glen that the election committee thought she lived there. So, the concern about traffic and air noise and the problems that everybody is having, she is also having, though she lives one mile over. As to representation, she is physically there and is very aware of the problems as she has been part of that neighborhood her entire life. Catie continued that she is very passionate about wanting to get involved, and being here tonight. She brought to the attention of the board that there was a problem with the election rules to begin with, because ethically she didn't feel it was right to take the position if she wasn't on the board. Now, with the reading of the bylaws and the election rules, anyone can be appointed if the board so-chooses, whether they live in the neighborhood or not. Catie continued that her proximity to the neighborhood allows her to be at all the meetings, and to help out where she can. She granted that Larry has all the experience on this but opined that it could be time to have someone who is new and interested in integrating the whole thing together. She concluded that she would be happy to work with Larry to figure out how all that goes in the HOA. Dan Palmer stated that he needs clarification as there is an organization, Bel Air Glen that does not want to be represented. He noted that there are different views on an HOA, and doesn't see this being a fit or a help.

Ellen doesn't see this as representing the HOA but representing that area that is also represented by the HOA. She noted that while communicating with an HOA is a good idea because it is part of communicating to your stakeholders, she doesn't see it as being their person on the board anymore since they gave up their seats.

Don asked if she was on the ballot, to which Catie replied that she was on the ballot and ran unopposed. She received zero votes because she didn't realize if she was unopposed... but stated it wouldn't have mattered because people in her neighborhood were not eligible to vote for her, so, when they went to vote, they were in the wrong district. Robert Ringler noted that some of us had the same problem: "Our addresses weren't even in the book and they wanted to give us a different ballot."

Robert Schlesinger related that he feels both candidates are qualified. He knows Larry, as being seasoned working with DONE (the Department of Neighborhood Council) and everyone else, and asked who is going to take Larry's place if he is not on here? Shawn asked and Larry noted that he lives in Playa Vista. Larry continued that historically, we were originally a board of HOAs, a few non-residential seats, and were criticized by the City, and the City over the years has wanted us to have publicly-elected representatives. HOAs unwilling to participate on BABCNC, refers to Bel Air Association (BAA) and Bel Air Glen (BAG). These HOAs had every opportunity to return to the BABCNC & participate. Instead, they rejected repeated requests to come back. As result, Bylaws were revised converting such territory into publicly-elected residential districts. Representatives DO NOT represent the HOA, have no duty to attend HOA meetings, but more importantly, represent the Stakeholders who live or own property within such districts.

Larry noted that he goes back to the community monthly to see his friends and neighbors. He gets invited to dinner, and he is always asking what's going on in the neighborhood. He sees all the neighbors on the street, and is in contact with the people; not necessarily the board. He noted that, technically, if you have an HOA board meeting, you just can't walk in there. They would have to invite you if you are not a member.

Larry then brought up the issue of the "Community Interest Stakeholder," relating that Mayor Villaraigosa expanded the definition of who is a stakeholder. The charter's original definition is anyone who lives, works or owns property in the territory, and that was then expanded to anybody who has substantial connection. So the theory was, which applies to this neighborhood council, if you stop off at the Starbucks, at the Glen Centre on the way to work, and you live in the Valley and you work at UCLA, you qualify as a Community Interest Stakeholder. He noted that there is a new definition, as per the Neighborhood Council Reform spearheaded by Councilmember Ryu's Committee, which the City Council approved in January. The principal distinction is that your substantial and ongoing connection to be on the neighborhood council must be with a community organization. So, if you are involved with an organization that has benefits to the community, you qualify. Larry stated that under the new definition, regardless of where he lives, he has a substantial ongoing connection with this community because of the years he has served on this board for over 15 years.

Irene asked if the one who doesn't win could be the alternate. Travis related that we would have to consult the bylaws and he is not sure if publicly-elected members can have alternates. Chuck asked, where would we be without Larry's legal counsel, noting that Larry has brought so much sanity to the NC. Chuck acknowledged Catie, and expressed that there would certainly be a place for her on her council. Catie rebuked this statement, however, Robin called for decorum, to follow procedure. Chuck moved to re-elect Larry "because what he does for us is outstanding." Travis noted that this does not take a motion from Chuck. There will be an election here. You'll put forward the names and people will vote. Robin asked the candidates to stand:

A vote was taken: **18 for Larry**, **3 abstentions** and **0 votes for Catie**. Larry was thereby appointed to the "Bel Air Glen District" seat.

(At this point, attention was turned to Agenda item 11.a.i. Janet Turner, Representative of Congressman Ted Lieu, & 11.a.ii., Jarrett Thompson and Madelynn Taras from CD5 & CD4 respectively, who came to present certificates of appreciation to outgoing board members.)

7. **Appointments of Alternates**

- i. **Motion**: Appointment of Alternate, Patricia Murphy, for North of Sunset representative, **moved** by Ellen Evans; seconded; **21/0/0; approved**
- ii. **Motion**: Appointment of Alternate, Stella Grey for North of Sunset representative, **moved** by Yves Mieszala and **seconded** by Travis; **21/0/0; approved**
- iii. **Motion**: Appointment of Alternate, Anne Alexander for Laurel Canyon Association **21/0/0; approved**
- iv. **Motion**: Appointment of Alternate, Krishna (Kris) LeFan for Laurel Canyon Association **moved** by Larry; **seconded** by Stephanie; **21/0/0; approved**

At this point, Robin asked and Greg Martayan swore in Larry, Maureen, Marcia Hobbs and Anne Alexander.

8. **Motion**: Approval of June 19, 2019 Agenda **moved** by Larry; **seconded** by Robert R. Stephanie noted that Linda Whitford wrote an email expressing concern about an error in the MINUTES that is repeated in the AGENDA for tonight. Cathy also received said email and said she would correct the minutes and agenda as per her email, which states: On Agenda Item 21(b) it says: "it was deferred until learning at the May meeting it has been confirmed that **there are no protected trees on Roscomare.**" The correct accurate wording would be: "it was deferred until a tour of the street bump sites considered effects of repair work on nearby trees." (Whether the trees were protected or not was not her main concern – she knew they were likely conifers – her concern was to inspect the sites with the BAHA reps and view the trees together, to see which specific trees might be affected and to discuss.) **21/0/0; approved**
9. **Motion**: Approval of May 22, 2019 Minutes (Attachment A) **moved** by Larry; **seconded** by Robert R. The same correction from Linda Whitford, as in item #8 applies to the minutes; will be corrected. **21/0/0; approved**
10. **Public Comment**:

Cathy Wayne related that the Planning Department and Berggruen group have rescinded their request for building an institute on the property but are keeping their right for a future institute. They're now doing a project for 28 homes on the land, a portion of which is on top of a dump that has been a health hazard to the people in the area. There is a meeting at the Planning Department. Patricia Bel Hearst has requested that people go attend the PLUM Committee on Tuesday. It is a major event. We need some people to support their position. There will be an email.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0651>

Greg Martayan: Sunset Update: DWP upgrade: Greg related that he has pushed the start time a week. They are applying the same template that he created for the Benedict Canyon project, which ended early. He asked LAPD, LAFD, BSS, LADOT, EMD, and they planned it out, and put traffic control officers on this project, which were not originally in the plan. He expects a dozen as well as 7-8 DWP security services backing up LADOT, and making sure the Bellagio corridor is secure leading into Bel Air. He has asked DWP to bring in 10 message boards to activate, warning residents and those who cut through the area of the impending project, one to be on the border of Beverly Hills, one at Sepulveda, and two at Beverly Glen. They have an illustrious plan for fire, will test communication devices this Friday. A notification will go out tomorrow. They want us to help them get the word out. Help them understand that this is a power system put in place since the 1930s. They are putting in 27,000 feet of cable, an incredible amount of resources. They'll have a lane open for emergency personnel. They'll be launching on Tuesday. When the Metro project happens in 2020, Sunset will be the detour. The hours will be the same. He has asked DWP to pump up the number of crews. He expects that when kids come back to UCLA it will hit hard. Robert asked about potholes. He met with Adel Hagekhalil and Keith Mozee, and has assurances that they're sending crews through to make sure the potholes get filled. They'll also go through until Tuesday to trim back trees. Don Loze asked, and Greg noted that: 1) he was able to get cooperation from WAZE, and hopes they can do that again, and, 2) the agreement with DWP was that after they finish the work, they'd return and re-examine the places that the roads would be cut, noting that some of that has not been done on Benedict. He hopes they'll do so on Sunset. Give Greg exact locations. As to WAZE, he cannot issue a hard closure to WAZE. With the TCOs, they'll be able to move traffic quickly. He also has received support of CHP for traffic mitigation and emergencies. The district is being upgraded, for the entire region; the main cabling will be from Bellagio, to the 405 west. There are two other sections further up on Sunset which will be worked on concurrently when the first phase is done. Shawn noted that the city right of way along Sunset has dead trees. Shawn will send that information to his office.

Lena Mik & Nina Phinouwong from the General Plan Section, Policy Unit, Citywide Policy Planning, Dept. of City Planning were introduced to the Board by Mindy Mann.

Lina & Nina gave a brief introduction to the department's Wildlife Pilot Program. Lena.mik@lacity.org (213) 978-2717 & Nina.phinouwong@lacity.org (213) 978-1302.

This program addresses wildlife connectivity, habitat preservation, biodiversity, and sustainability. The Study Area • Located in the Santa Monica Mountains between the 405 and 101 freeways • Pilot area will serve to test potential regulations that could be adapted for future Protection Areas for Wildlife (PAWS). Current regulations include Mulholland Specific Plan, Very High Fire Severity Zone, Brush Clearance, Proposed Ridgeline Ordinance, Slope Density, and Hillside Grading / Construction Ordinance and Baseline Hillside/ Mansionization Ordinances. They are looking into how can we leave more space for wildlife, small and large, to move through, considering buffers to provide more space for animals to forage along waterways; considering fencing, as well as regulations addressing landscaping, drought-tolerant landscaping, trash enclosures, lighting, and windows. **Please see link for further information** <http://planning.lacity.org/documents/citywide/wildlifepilotstudy/studyboards.pdf>

Reports of Officers

11. President's Report – Robin Greenberg

- a. Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies & Special Presentations
 - i. Special Presentation by Janet Turner, Field Representative for 33rd District Congressman Ted Lieu
 - ii. Special Presentation by Jarret Thompson, Field Rep. for CD5 Councilmember Paul Koretz & Madelynn Taras, Field Rep. for CD4 Councilmember David Ryu

Both Janet Turner and CD4 & CD5 Representatives presented certificates of appreciation to outgoing board members simultaneously. Madelynn presented the certificates of appreciation jointly signed by CM David Ryu and CM Paul Koretz. Certificates for absent recipients will be mailed to them.

Janet related that the Congressman feels that those who serve the community need to be recognized. They are the unsung heroes of the community. She noted that he expresses his appreciation for hard work and many hours that these board members have given to this community and wishes them all the best with their future endeavors. Those present to receive certificates were Rob Farber, Michael Kemp, Laurence Leisten, Maureen Levinson, Luis Pardo, Maureen Smith and Jeremy Summers. The rest will be mailed to the absent recipients.

Jarrett Thompson gave update that the gas-line project starts at intersection of Bel Air Crest neighborhood and 1400 feet to the south. He also gave airport news, noting that LAWA has been meeting with local FAA reps, and they have started working on a proposal to move the Van Nuys' flight patterns back to where they were; it could take 12-18 months, working with federal government. The FAA and Burbank are also working to adjust their flight patterns, independent of Van Nuys Airport with a roundtable between LAWA, Burbank and FAA, the council districts and congressional districts, by late summer.

- iii. LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Chris Ragsdale 26690@lapd.online – Not present
- iv. LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Ralph Sanchez 30735@lapd.online – Not present

v. Semee Parks / Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Semee welcomed new board members. She noted their new online platform for required board member trainings "Cornerstone." She noted that you will be sent an email to log on to Cornerstone, but if you haven't received it, you can get to the test through Empowerla.org. Larry expressed that we just learned about this, when one of our newest board members received the email with password, and he realized that all of our board members need this. He was not sure if Kevin (sic) [Kyle] was familiar with the composition of our board. He is concerned that he may have assumed that only the newly-elected members have received these. Semee thanked him for raising this, and offered to communicate with him. Cathy Palmer noted that she is in the process of communicating with Kyle and he will be sending all board members passwords. Semee mentioned Civic U 101, which will be held on Monday, July 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 6 pm - 9 pm and Budget Day Saturday June 29th @ City Hall.

12. Vice President's Report – Nickie Miner
13. Secretary's Report – Robert Ringle
14. Treasurer's Report – Jacqueline Le Kennedy (Update, Discussion & Action)
 - a. Update/Report from Treasurer: Update & Discussion on remaining funds & budget.
 - b. **Motion:** To approve May 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachment B & B.i**)
 Moved by Cathy and **seconded** by Robert S. **17/0/0; 6 ineligible; passed.**
 - c. Last Funding Deadline @ end of the Fiscal Year: June 20, 2019 - Final date for any bankcard transactions..
 - d. See Budget & Finance Committee below for motion on Budget Package

Reports of Committees (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action)

15. **2019 Elections Ad-Hoc Committee & Budget & Finance Committee – Joint Meeting**
 The 2019 Elections Ad Hoc Committee is made up of a members of the Bylaws, Standing Rules & Elections Committee (Leisten, Chair + Kennedy, Greenberg, Smith & Evans) and the Outreach Committee (Greenberg, Chair + Miner, Smith, Sandler, Stojka, Matt Post.) |
 - a. **Update/Report by Co-Chair, Greenberg:** Report on Election Day – Robin gave a brief update, noting that several of us were at the election to welcome people as an outreach event. Robin related that we want to thank Harvard-Westlake for allowing us to use this school. It is a beautiful school and a lot of the people who came to vote said that they had family who went to this school; they loved the school; it represents something really positive, and Robin concluded, “that is worth everything.”
 - b. **Update/Report by Co-Chair, Leisten:** Joint committee meeting was held June 6, 2019; discussed City-Clerk-held BABCNC elections of June 2, 2019 at Harvard-Westlake School & Ellen Evans’ report. Larry gave the floor to Ellen for her takeaway from the election, to which Ellen noted that there were many takeaways but the highlight is that we have had a 62% increase in turnout, which is excellent. Robin and the board thanked Ellen and Larry.
 - c. **Motion:** Write letter to Holly Wolcott, City Clerk, with our feelings about the election, with a copy Chris Garcia, and as a courtesy, Nathan Singh. **moved** by Robert R.; **seconded** by Larry; **23/0/1 abstention:** Robin; **passed.**
16. **Budget & Finance Committee** – Kennedy, Chair + Hall, Greenberg, Farber, Wayne
 - d. **Update/Report by Chair – Kennedy:** Joint committee meeting was held June 6, 2019 (see #15)
 - e. **Motion:** Approve next Fiscal Year Admin. Packet (**Attachment C**) [for Budget see pages 8, 9 & 10] **Moved** by Cathy and **seconded** by Larry; **14 yes; 0 no; 3 abstentions; 6 ineligible; passed.**
 - f. **Motion:** To nominate Board President, Robin Greenberg, to be BABCNC’s second cardholder **Moved** by Cathy and **seconded** by Larry; **14 yes; 0 no; 3 abstentions; 6 ineligible; passed.**
17. **Bylaws, Standing Rules & Elections Committee** – Leisten, Chair + Kennedy, Greenberg, Smith, Evans
 - a. **Update/Report by Chair**
18. **Outreach Committee** – Greenberg, Chair + Miner, Smith, Sandler, Stojka & M. Post
 - a. **Update/Report by Chair**
19. **Emergency Preparedness Committee** – Chuck Maginnis, Chair + Smith, Sandler, Palmer, Kennedy, Farber, Levinson, M. Schlenker, Ron Cornell, Hildreth Simmons, Danielle Cohen & Seema Hassan
 - a. **Update/Report by Chair:** Chuck gave a brief update on RYLAN being implemented in several neighborhoods including Colina Glen, Benedict Hills Estates and HOA, North of Sunset, Residents of Beverly Glen, etc., under the direction of Ben, who now represents Red Cross: Michael Schlenker is the Bureau West Coordinator for Ham Radios, and has the entire West area, and is part of the city. Chuck attended the 150 year anniversary at WLA Police Station and two Captains, Captain Randy Goddard and Vic Davalos. He noted that our own SLO Chris Ragsdale received an achievement award. He encouraged attendance of committee members so that we have a quorum in order approve some minutes.

b. Next EP Meeting: July 17, 2019 @ 7:00pm @ Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse @ 2760 Claray..

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

a. **Update/Report by Chair: The PLU Committee met on June 11, 2019, heard the following projects and made recommendations as follows:**

b. **Update Only: 10690 Somma Way ZA-2019-1383-ZAD ENV-2019-1384-EAF (CONTINUED)**
Agent: Tony Russo Motion: Continue to some later, date to be discussed Moved by Don; seconded by Jason, 8/0/0; passed; Robert & Cathy moved and seconded and this was approved.

c. **Update Only: 1501 N Marlay Dr • ZA-2017-2328-ZAD ENV-2017-2329-CE (CONTINUED)**
Owner: Sara Schusterow, NY Appl: Paul Coleman
Motion: Continue until we can talk to a builder/contractor Moved by Robert; seconded by Jason;
Amendment: We are continuing until we are satisfied; we would like to have clarification of future questions that we don't have answers to now, because there may be some in the future; Moved by Don & seconded by Yves; 8/0/0; passed as amended Robert & Cathy moved and seconded and approved.

d. **8414 W Edwin DIR-2018-5371-DRB-SPP-MSP VN ENV-2018-5372-CE**

South Valley APC Hrng Appeal, 5/27 4:30P 90046

Project Description: PROJECT PERMIT COMPLIANCE WITH THE MULHOLLAND SPECIFIC PLAN TO ALLOW FOR A NEW RETAINING WALL AND ASSOCIATED GRADING AND BACKFILL.

Requested Entitlement: PROJECT PERMIT COMPLIANCE WITH THE MULHOLLAND SPECIFIC PLAN TO ALLOW FOR A NEW RETAINING WALL AND ASSOCIATED GRADING AND BACKFILL. REWORK EXISTING ENTRY WITH NEW STAIRS AND ENTRY GATE DOOR. NEW 6'0 HIGH 50'-3' • LINER FEET, MASONRY SIDE YARD FENCE (NON-RETAINING). THE PROJECT INCLUDES DESIGN REVIEW BOARD FOR RETAINING WALL

Owner/Applicant: Raphael Berry Appellant: Caspar Martin Rep: David Rivera ([TWG Architects, Inc](#))

Attorney: Stephen Weaver stephen@weaverlandlaw.com 310.806.9212 (Weaver Land Law)

Permanent Link: <http://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/CaseId/MjIzOTE10>

Motion: **We support the appeal** of Mr. Martin, appealing the determination of the Director of Planning, who overruled the position of the Mulholland Design Review Board, based on the information that has been presented tonight. Moved by Don; seconded by Jason; 8/0/0; passed.

Bob related the story of this appeal and noted that we can't do any further than support the appeal. The next-door neighbor built two massive retaining walls, one of which is on Mr. Martin's property. Bob related that the MDRB was over-ruled by the Director of Planning. Mr. Martin related that his neighbor built two massive illegal unpermitted massive retaining walls, one of which is fully on his property by several feet. ...the wall on his property supports the second wall on his property. The city is prosecuting him criminally, for building the walls but the City Inspector when he came out to cite him believed Mr. Berry, who said, oh no, they're both on my property; the property line is just over here. The City Inspector has no duty to check. Mr. Martin filed a case against both retaining walls. When he had a survey done, and pointed it out to the City Attorney, they propped up prosecution of the one on his property, making it his problem. (Further details explained). The MDRB rejected his plan. The retaining wall that he is going rebuilt to be in compliance has to be covered by trees and vines. Those trees and vines have to be planted on his property because the base of his new retaining wall is going to be right at his property. They are appealing the decision. **Motion to support the appeal moved** by Robert & **seconded** by Cathy seconded and this was approved by all 23 board members present/voting.

e. a. **2545 Bowmont Dr. • DIR-2018-328-DRB-SPP-MSP ENV-2018-329-CE (CONTINUED)**
(2380, 2358, 2360 Gloaming) (Parcel-1)

b. **2545 Bowmont Dr. • DIR-2018-322-DRB-SPP-MSP ENV-2018-323-CE**

c. **2545 N Bowmont Dr. • DIR-2018-325-DRB-SPP-MSP ENV-2018-326-CE**
(2358, 2360, 2380 Gloaming) CWC Ignacio Rodriguez & Jaime Massey

Motion: To continue and to get sufficient information; Moved by Jason; seconded by Don; Stephanie will give them a list. 8/0/0; passed. (MDRB hearing 06/19 @ 3:00pm; Bob will go to the meeting to tell them we need more time. The applicant can request a postponement in the hearing.)

f. Next PLU Committee Meeting: Tuesday July 9, 2019 7:00 pm @ AJU, Room #223

21. Traffic Committee – Irene Sandler, Chair + Stojka, Pierson, Copcutt, Weisberg, Farber, Greenberg, Leisten, Patricia Templeton, Joyce Page

- a. Update/Report by Chair:** Irene noted that WAZE is owned by Google and as a contract with the city, and only if there is a major emergency they'll change. Bob suggested lobbying council districts. Larry and others noted that the app is interactive. Send out a notice. She related that she was at a meeting this evening and picked up a flyer from BYD SKYRAIL with another option for Metro's cross-mountain Valley into Town project. It's a Chinese company on the Hong Kong exchange. UCLA is apparently working with them for their electric buses. They want a station to be serving Leo Baeck and the Getty; these are proposals, nothing firm. this would be a public-private partnership. The County would pay it off over 35 years. This would be in the center of the 405. Irene noted that we have been writing and have been asked to take positions on this, and she thinks some of us want the under the hills route, one of which would be near Beverly Glen, one near Sepulveda; the heavy rail. There was one project which was the impetus for this, which was partly underground and partly elevated monorail and partly underground again, in town. Robert noted that all four projects went under Bel Air to some degree. Irene responded that this would not. Robert noted that this is going down the middle of the freeway. Cathy Wayne added that Uber is developing a Sky Uber, and will build terminals for the sky Ubers to land. There will be additional things to this.

- b.** The following motion was brought by the April 11, 2019 Traffic Committee meeting to the full Board on April 24, 2019. It was deferred until a tour of the street bump sites considered effects of repair work on nearby trees. (Per Linda Whitford, whether the trees were protected or not was not her main concern – she knew they were likely conifers – her concern was to inspect the sites with the BAHA reps and view the trees together, to see which specific trees might be affected and to discuss.)

Motion: That the Bureau of Street Services look into the eradication of the raised pavement bumps caused by trees that are in the street in front of 2613 and 1619 Roscomare and also in front of 2754 Roscomare Road where there are two sets of bumps, which the City is aware of, and which Bel Air Hills Assn. has been complaining about for numerous years as a safety hazard. Additionally the bumps in the road at 2456 Roscomare Road are in the traffic zone and growing and multiple bumps at the curb of 2450 Roscomare Road exceed 6 inches in height causing difficulty in daily parking for parents at Roscomare Elementary. Additional bumps, also previously reported as needing remediation yet not having been done, are at the following locations and listed in order of severity: 2455/2462 Nalin, and 2445/2449/2446 Nalin, and 15423 - 15433 Brownwood. Moved by Irene; seconded by Cathy; **23/0/0; passed**. Send letter to CD5, Paul Koretz, Bureau of Street Services and DOT, Board of Public Works, Urban Forestry & Jeff Ebenstein Legislative Person, Irene Sandler.

- c.** Next Meeting: TBD

22. 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:** Last meeting was held on March 7, 2019 at Bel Air Ridge; no quorum.
b. Next Meeting: TBD

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

24. Budget Representative Reports – Ellen Evans & Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Budget Advocate

- a.** Update by Budget Representative &/or Budget Advocate
b. Save the Date: Budget Day is Saturday June 29th @ City Hall: We encourage attendance.

25. NC Sustainability Alliance Report – Jacqueline Le Kennedy

26. Reports of DONE-Established Liaisons (Updates & Discussion)

- a. Animal Services Liaison – Travis Longcore
- b. Department of Public Works & Film Liaison – Vacant
- c. Homelessness Liaison – Vacant
- d. Purposeful Aging Liaison – Jacqueline Le Kennedy

27. Report of BABCNC-Chosen City Department Liaisons

- a. LADWP – Mindy Mann
- b. Bureau of Street Services – Ellen Evans & Mindy Mann
- c. LADOT, RE: Traffic/Parking – Cathy Wayne, Irene Sandler & Ellen Evans
- d. Code Enforcement & Bureau of Engineering – Stephanie Savage

New Business / Motions & Resolutions (Discussion, Motion & CIS)

28. **Discussion & Possible Motion:** To send letter (see Attachment D template or sample) regarding replacing General Manager at the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Leisten

Robin introduced the letter (Attachment D) that has been signed by a handful of individuals. She read from the letter, that people who know and understand the system best, neighborhood members themselves, be part of the candidate selection process. If you wish to have a letter sent, asking that the people who select the replacement for Grayce Liu be neighborhood council people, that can be done. Larry related that since receiving this letter there have been a number of additional people who have signed this and there seems to be a process in place. Maybe Semee could speak to this. The gist of the letter is to request the Mayor who has the power of appointment of the General Manager for the DONE, to have a committee. He has a committee; but to have the committee composed of at least one or a few representatives from within the NC system. ...He wants to see that new manager take the department in a new direction. He understands that they are moving along without input from the NC system. Semee related that it is up to the NC to drive the narrative. The application did close in May so if the NC wants more of a say, she encourages us to do so. Counsel goes dark in July, the new GM probably won't come back until August. Semee noted that this was an open process. Don **moved** and Cathy Wayne **seconded**; **23/0/0**; **approved**

29. **AB 1112 (Friedman) / Local Authority / Shared Mobility Device Providers: CF #19-0002-S94:** Please see link to Council File re AB 1112, bill passed in the Assembly and is now in the Senate

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0002-S94> The Chief Legislative Officer (CLA) recommended to Adopt Resolution (Bonin - Krekorian) to include in the City's 2019-2020 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to AB 1112 (Friedman) that would limit a local authority from imposing restrictions on shared mobility device providers (UNLESS AMENDED)

Motion: To support CM Bonin's resolution for the City Council to adopt the attached revised resolution to include in the City's 2019-2020 State Legislative Program, OPPOSITION to AB 1112 (Friedman), UNLESS AMENDED. (*Council file sent to Mayor 06/07/2019 / Council Action finalized 06/12/2019*)

Attachment E: 05/21/2019: Original Resolution (Bonin / Krekorian)

http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0002-s94_reso_05-21-2019.pdf

Attachment E.i.: 05/31/2019: Report of CLA (includes AB 1112 (Friedman) with strikeouts)

http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0002-S94_rpt_CLA_05-31-2019.pdf

Attachment E.ii.: 06/07/2019: Motion 6A: Bonin moved to amend the resolution to OPPOSE to include "UNLESS AMENDED" which Council adopted:

http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0002-S94_mot_6-7-19.pdf

Moved by Cathy W. seconded by Robert S. Robert noted that WRAC supported this motion this morning. Travis noted that the state would like to pass a law that says that local jurisdictions cannot regulate these and this motion opposes that. Don called for the vote; **23/0/0**; **passed**.

30. **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils – Robin Greenberg**

- a. **Update/Report by WRAC Representative** – The following are motions from the Wednesday April 17 & May 15, 2019 meetings. They met again this morning, new items will be agendized next time.
- b. **Blue Ribbon Panel on School Safety** (Carried over from the April 24, 2019 board meeting.)
Motion To support the findings of the Blue Ribbon Panel on School Safety and urge LAUSD to adopt.
Attachment F: Letter of Mike Feuer, LA City Attorney Please see the link to the 47-page report, which includes specific recommendations: <https://www.lacityattorney.org/schoolsafety> **DEFERRED**
- c. **CF #19-0046 Developer Contribution Restrictions / City Elected Officials / Candidates for City Office**
Motion: Support CF-19-0046 (David Ryu) and its prohibition on developer and contractor contributions to City elected officials with the following clarifications. (Motion sponsor: WLASNC)
Facts and background: Contributions shall be prohibited to the mayor, city councilmembers, controller, city attorney, and all PACs and non-profits that hold fundraisers or make contributions for those elected officials. Contributions shall be prohibited for 1 year prior to submittal of a development application (those contributions prior to submittal shall be returned) and for 1 year after a development approval and its subsequent issuance of certificate of occupancy. Contributions shall be prohibited from all financiers, developers, applicants, land owners, architects, engineers, contractors and subcontractors, and all employees and spouses of those employees of those firms.
Attachment G: 01/15/2019: Original motion (Ryu, Koretz, Bonin, Krekorian, Martinez and Buscaino) http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0046_mot_01-15-2019.pdf
Attachment G.i.: 02/27/2019: LA City Ethics Commission Report Campaign Contributions and Behested Payments http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0046_rpt_ETH_02-27-2019.pdf
Attachments G.ii.: Councilmember David Ryu’s letter w/doc previously provided to Ethics Commission: For further information, please see the entire council file link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0046> (05/22/2019 Council Acted; 05/23/2019 Action Final)
Moved by Ellen; **seconded** by Robert; **22 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention:** Shawn.

31. **Good of the Order** – Robin thanked all those who allowed us to have the meeting on the third Wednesday this month. She thanked everyone who has served on this board. She gave a special recognition for Rob Farber who worked so hard for us. She thanked everybody who worked hard for us.

Robin related that at our next meeting we’ll be having elections and if you want to run for a position, please let us know, and will have committee appointments. She mentioned the two year term limits, which Larry said he thinks we may change that in the next revision of the bylaws, to a year. Larry said we can still leave it at two years. The way the bylaws are structured, the Board approves each and every member of the committee. If the Chair decides to bring people on, the Board should endorse/approve it and have a record of it.

Mark Goodman assured that the LAFD and LAPD are working hard to coordinate in the event of a disaster; they held a drill where they simulated a disaster; with reps from West Division from both Police and Fire. He attended. He thinks there’s good project there.

Mindy Mann asked if we can address gas powered leaf blowers. Don Loze complimented Bob, for taking up the issue of a dispute, and that it is a compliment for this council. The issue was brought up that we have an Air/Noise problem with jets flying 4,000 feet, 3,000 2,000 feet at 1:00 am 3:00 am and every one and a half minutes, doesn’t stop.

32. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn and meeting adjourned 9:02.

July Board Meeting returns to our regular fourth Wednesday, July 24, 2019 7:00pm @ AJU, Room #223. Officer elections, reconstitution of all committees’ & liaisons will be agendized for July meeting.