



General Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 25, 2019 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
American Jewish University
15600 Mulholland Drive, 2nd Floor, Room 223 Bel Air 90077

Present: 24 (Quorum 15)

Attachment "A"

2019/2020 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives	<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>Mark Goodman, M.D. (Elected 06/02/2019)</i>		X
<i>Gail Sroloff (Elected 06/02/2019)</i>	X	
Bel Air Glen District		
<i>Larry Leisten (Re-appointed 06/19/2019)</i>	X	
Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA)		
<i>Robin Greenberg, President</i>	X	
<i>Wendy Morris (Appointed 06/19/19 replacing M. Kemp)</i>	X	
Bel Air Ridge HOA		
<i>André Stojka</i>	X	
Benedict Canyon Association (BCA) (Alternate: Matt Post)		
<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	

2019/2020 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives	Present	Not Present
Casiano Estates Association		
<i>Sam Sanandaji, DPM</i>		X
Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (<i>Alternate Rob Farber as of 08/04/19</i>)		
<i>Jacqueline Le Kennedy (Re-elected 06/02/2019)</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 (LCA) (<i>Anne Alexander & Kris Le Fan, Alternates 06/19/2019</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>Chuck Maginnis, EP Chair (Re-elected 06/02/2019)</i>	X	
<i>Marcia Wilson Hobbs (Elected 06/02/2019)</i>	X	

2019/2020 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, Treasurer (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 (RoBG)		
<i>Robert A. Ringler, Secretary</i>	X	
<i>Dan Palmer</i>		X
Total:	24	8

- 1. Call to Order** – Robin Greenberg called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- 2. Roll Call (quorum 15)** Roll was called with 24 members present.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Motion:** Approval of September 25, 2019 AGENDA (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
Cathy **moved**; Larry **seconded**; **24/0/0**; **approved**
- 5. Motion:** Approval of August 4, 2019 Meeting MINUTES (**Attachment A**)
Travis **moved**; Andre **seconded**; **24/0/0**; **approved**
- 6. Public Comment:**

Travis Longcore, Ph.D. noted that the Western Gray Squirrel has all but disappeared and has been displaced by the Eastern Fox Squirrel in the Santa Monica Mountains; however, he recently saw a road-killed-Western Gray Squirrel on Beverly Glen, north of Sunset. He described the squirrel as a gray and white tree squirrel with a big bushy tail. He asked that if any of you see one, please take a picture and email it to him: tlongcore@babnc.org

Pamela Pierson: 1) There was a hit and run at Mulholland and Nicada today; a car hit a bicyclist who fortunately is okay. Both CD5 & CD4 offices were informed and, again after 10 years, Pamela noted that the request to have a stop sign installed on Mulholland for the eastbound traffic was made. She noted two signs installed at Mulholland & Allenwood and would like to know from Laurel Canyon how that was accomplished. She'd like the neighborhood council to take a position to persuade council office for a stop sign which she believes to be more cost effective than traffic police a few days a week.

2) Pamela related since her vehicle was damaged by a BIRD scooter she has attempted to contact them; she has learned that all scooter contracts include waivers to absolve them of responsibility for damage caused by their vehicles, consistent with questionable coverage by riders by auto or credit card insurance, and asked if those driving vehicles responsibly are to pay for repairs caused by uninsured scooter riders.

Susan Collins introduced herself running for City Council Member for Council District 4.

Eli Lipmen noted that he is a faculty member here at AJU and since July is President of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). They meet twice a month at City Hall to provide some oversight on the (NC) system and have conversations with the bureaucracy. They are trying to streamline “events” process. They are looking at censure and removal policies potentially for all NC bylaws and want to help NCs to understand conflict of interest laws. They want to see professionalism in the system so that NC representatives can be treated professionally at City Council. Commissionerlipmen@gmail.com

7. **President's Report** – Robin Greenberg

a. **Swearing in of Appointed Alternate, Patricia Murphy/North of Sunset**

Robin asked Eli Lipmen to swear in Patricia Murphy for North of Sunset.

Both Robin & Eli noted that Raquel Beltrán, the new GM of DONE will be coming tonight.

b. **Representatives of Elected Officials & Agencies**

Raquel Beltrán, New General Manager, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)

introduced herself. She explained the mission of DONE, to promote civic engagement and make government more responsive to local communities through a structured system of neighborhood councils. Raquel noted that her background is in public administration, community and labor organizing and nonprofit and volunteer board government. She has been working with elected officials and in departments; has worked with three City Councilmembers and the Board of Supervisors. She has been Assistant to the Planning Director. She served as staff to San Diego's Public Services and Safety Committee, among other department positions. Her community-based experience includes serving as Program Manager for the American Red Cross in the San Francisco Bay area and was co-founder of the United Domestic Workers Union of America, Inc. She moved to LA 21 years ago with her husband and children. In LA, she was introduced to the NC System during her work with the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles as Executive Director followed by serving as Raphael Sonenshein's Associate Director at the Pat Brown Institute at Cal State LA. She Co-produced the version of Dr. Sonenshein's signature program, Civic University, designed for Neighborhood Councils for five years. She related goals to advance the mission, which include but are not limited to strengthening the department's position as a resource for communities and departments; strengthening departments' relationships with the NCs and improving City Hall's relationship with the NCs.

Janet Turner, Field Representative for 33rd District Congressman Ted Lieu gave update including but not limited to the WLA VA. The WLA VA buildings 205 and 208 will break ground in the fourth quarter of this year and they will eventually give us 120 units in 18-24 months. Now that the PEIS environmental study has been finalized the Principal Developer can start working on the 1,200 units of Permanent supportive housing called for in the Master Plan. Building 207 will break ground June 2020 and will have another 60-70 units again in 18-24 months. In the meantime they are working on a plans to eventually roll out all 1200 units. Congressman's office has offered VA any help they need from Congress to expedite the building of that housing. The temporary bridge housing sponsored by the City and County plans to open in January 2020. The Congressman is still pushing for even more temporary bridge housing sites on the campus, while the housing is being built. The VA is working on "recuperative beds" to address service resistant veterans to enable them to stay inside; with the goal of building trust for the services that are being offered. Congressman Ted Lieu authored a bill giving grants up to \$750 million dollars to cities to build their homelessness program, and he co-sponsored Rep. Waters' bill to provide 13.25 billion to address the homeless crisis across the country. He co-sponsored a bill to make Social Security solvent for many years, and includes some much needed improvements in SS. He also co-sponsored three bills to improve Medicare for seniors. Their office joined the committee fighting Burbank Airport noise.

CD4, Madelynn Taras, Field Deputy for Council District 4 Councilmember David Ryu

Madelynn noted work coming up on Miller Drive/Miller Place; Laurel Canyon will have sewer work 9-5; traffic mitigation systems will be in place; if issues let her know. They opened 30 spots for women at Gardner Bridge Home. Let her know if you want to volunteer or donate. CM Ryu announced a new fund up to \$3,000 for religious institutions, cultural centers and LGBTQ spaces in CD4; will supply up to \$3,000 in grants to local organizations, intended to help fund security improvements and training at spaces which serve vulnerable and diverse communities; paid for with Council District 4 discretionary funds. Let her know which organizations you recommend.

CD5, Jarrett Thompson, Field Deputy for Council District 5 Councilmember Paul Koretz

Jarrett gave update noting that he is working closely with Wendy Morris on airport noise, which takes 70% of his day, daily. Call him. He will try to give a presentation on the Census maybe at the next meeting; the Mayor's office is doing a big push for census outreach: Volunteer, check Mayor's website. CD5 is constantly looking for bridge housing. Irene and he will meet to discuss transportation issues. André related that the Council member was terrific at the meeting with the FAA. Jarrett noted that this issue is a priority for the Councilmember, "at the top of his pile." Chuck thanked him for all they've done at Bel Air Road, addressing pot holes, trees, sensors, helping a fellow on the EP committee, and looking into escape routes.

Robin gave thanks to Councilmembers Ryu and Koretz for being available to the BABCNC.

Senior Lead Officer, Ralph Sanchez, LAPD, Hollywood Station – Officer Sanchez related that he has been away for a while, had some incidents and is back. He has to split visits with other NC in Hollywood Hills. Hollywood Division's Twitter is updated daily with regard to crimes, etc. Don would like the Planning Department to include LAPD as a check off as they will do with the LAFD. Ralph said that they can work on it.

Ellen Evans thanked Officer Sanchez for coming. She noted that an individual in her neighborhood had an issue with a man who was released on probation on Monday. Officer Sanchez knows of the individual, but was not aware of his being released. Ellen continued that Mr. Weathersby has been released. Ralph noted that he is still going to court on him right now, as recently as Monday, and explained that, if you see him, contact the Police immediately. The man is not supposed to be in those neighborhoods; if you see him on Doheny and in that area, immediately call. It's an ongoing case that he cannot discuss other than to say that the man created a nightmare for the people in Ellen's neighborhood, occupying expensive vacant homes, squatting and using the house as his home base for the crimes he was committing. He noted that they were able, with the help of Ellen's neighborhood, to catch him and with the evidence that they had, to file against him. He promised to look into this immediately.

Jamie thanked Officer Sanchez for coming tonight, and reported that they, in Laurel Canyon, want to develop a better relationship with him. Ralph noted that he knows everyone up there; used to keep a list of the elderly in case of an emergency. His email: 30735@lapd.online

Guest Speaker, Bob Duenas of Planning, on Home-Sharing & Party-House Ordinance Enforcement, was introduced by Ad-hoc Home Sharing & Party House Committee Co-Chairs, Ellen Evans, Maureen Levinson, and Stephanie Savage

Maureen expressed great concern about home-sharing, which she noted has some bad actors, and asked that while hammering out the ordinance, could they have LAPD and a hillside representative at the table. Maureen showed a video about a party house, through airbnb, that sells tickets to attend the party; she showed the advertisement, their injunction, noting two years of problems. The injunction cost \$40,000. She showed a 2:00am road jam, and noted that the renter uses these events to promote his cannabis business. They entertain a thousand of their friends without a conditional use permit; another home boasts 3,000 people. This is from Bloomberg. The house is about public functions rather than domestic living. She noted that the owner spends half a million dollars on a party, so the fines wouldn't mean anything to him. She asked who will do the inspections as to home-sharing guest code of conduct violations, noting that we have a lot to lose in our community, especially if a fire starts. She noted that they have called DOT, and that Parking Enforcement came out; LAPD came three hours later to correct. She explained that the hillsides do not have normal city blocks, unlike the city streets, and that 50% are renting on airbnb.

Maureen introduced Mr. Robert Duenas.

Mr. Duenas related that he is a Principal Planner, in Development Services, with a background in Urban and Regional Planning; now concentrating on citywide policy issues. They also review other services in his department. Mr. Duenas related that home-sharing is a citywide issue. The ordinance took four years to develop and be adopted. He acknowledged that “one size does not fit all.” He explained that anything under 30 days is a short-term rental. November 1st when enforcement starts people will no longer be able to use other than primary residences which will shut down many business models. People cannot do home-sharing in any Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) units, and 30% of that pool of units is taken off. As a result, Venice and older communities are coming off the market. The impact will hopefully stabilize the neighborhoods. Enforcement starts November 1st. People are registering. Theoretically the ones who haven’t registered that are still listing will receive letters to take down advertisements.

He noted that his department is coordinating between ACE programs & Police, Housing, Building and Safety. There are five items that one needs to provide for proof of residency, including driver’s license, medical card, tax bill to that site with your name and address, etc. LLC partnerships have a person behind it. You have to show that it is the primary residence of the person behind the LLC. Transparency: They’re developing registration/enforcement elements of this. The Mayor has an open data website. They are able to put out some bits of info legally; some cannot.

A stakeholder related that there are four parties on Viewmont Drive, no one lives there, only one is part of airbnb; they will not register. He is interested in the enforcement side of it. 30,000 listing out there. Mr. Duenas noted that they identify listings without registration number, have to match it up with property owner. If they don’t register in two weeks; they’ll send a second letter with penalties; after the second notice, if still up there, they turn it over to the ACE program, and then to the City Attorney. They follow up with fines. They are not using Building and Safety. If they continue doing this building citation after citation after citation, a case will be brought up against them. Part of the ordinance involves having to turn over data to them. They take that info, compare that to the list of those who haven’t registered. Platforms run into fine situations. They can site platforms for every transaction they allow. They have to find the property owner, the URL and match the transaction. Ellen asked, what will happen with people who advertise on places on Craig’s list, and Maureen asked if an individual can be platform. Will they need a license, noting that licenses need to be revoked. Mr. Duenas responded that one person or a corporation could be a platform. As it builds up, it’s the City Attorney’s decision: Do we have a strong case and what kind of action are we going to take against the platform? Mr. Duenas concluded that starting next month they’ll have more structured presentations, renting out facilities with staffing to help people attend throughout the city.

8. **Vice President’s Report – Nickie Miner – No report**

9. **Secretary’s Report – Robert Ringler – No report**

10. **Treasurer’s Report – Philip Enderwood (Update, Discussion & Action)**

a. **Update/Report from Treasurer – Philip** was absent for a school event; he provided written report to Robin.

b. **Motion** to approve July 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachments B**)

c. **Motion** to approve August 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachments C**)

Approval of b&c July & August MERs moved Robert; **seconded** Larry; **23/0/1:** Larry; **passed.**

d. **Motion** to approve invoice from Lloyd Staffing #410662 / \$838.50 from last fiscal year (**Attachments D**)

e. **Motion** to approve invoice from Lloyd Staffing #410895 / \$1,397.50 from last fiscal year (**Attachments E**)

Approval of d&e Lloyd Staffing #410662 & #410895 moved André; **seconded** Marcia; **23/0/1:** Larry; **passed**

f. **Motion** to approve \$6,539.21 rollover funds and amended budget reflecting rollover funds with budget allocations reflecting our total annual allocation of \$48,539.21. (**Attachments F**)

Moved by Cathy; **seconded** by Larry; **passed by all 24 voting.**

- g. **Motion:** To approve updated Inventory Report for DONE (**Attachment G**) Postponed
h. **Report:** Web Corner chart of hours spent 09/01 – 09/18 (**Attachment H**) Reviewed briefly

11. **Committee Appointments by Consent**

- Appointment of André Stojka to Traffic & Outreach Committees
- Appointment of Pamela Pierson to Traffic Committee
- Appointment of Seema Hassan to Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Appointment of Committee Members for newly-created Ad-Hoc Committee on Home-Sharing & Party Houses: Ellen Evans & Stephanie Savage, BABCNC Members & Non-Board Members Maureen Levinson (Bel-Air Association) Samantha Cannon (Coldwater Canyon), Marlena Doktorczyk-Donahue (Residents of Beverly Glen), and, Stella Grey, Darby Manning & Jim Murray (North of Sunset District)
Moved by Larry; **seconded** by Marcia: **24/0/0**; **passed**.

Reports of Committees (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action)

12. **Executive Cmte – Greenberg, Chair** + *Nickie Miner, Robert Ringler, Philip Enderwood, Jamie Hall*

a. Update/Report by Chair – On September 5, 2019, the first meeting in a number of years of Executive Committee was held @ Starbucks at the Glen Centre, to review goals of Committee Chairs and go over 09/25/2019 draft agenda. Goals & agenda were discussed and the following were recommended to Board:

b. Discussion & Possible Motion: To have an Ad-hoc Legislative Committee moved by Robert; seconded by Nickie; passed. **Moved** by Cathy: **seconded** by Larry. Larry asked about the goals. Robin explained need to follow City & County activities. **23 yes; 1 no**; Travis opposed; **0 abstentions; passed**.

c. Discussion & Possible Motion: To take a position on Cross-Mountain Metro Options presented by Bob Anderson from SOHA – Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair

- **Traffic Committee Chair, Irene Sandler**, related that the project has been touted strongly in Sherman Oaks, who support underground mainly because the elevated monorail is such an eyesore and makes a whole new job for Metro. She thinks we should consider not supporting the above-ground project, which would be located on the east side of Sepulveda, on the Bel Air Crest side of the freeway. Gail related that they from Bel Air met with Metro last week and were favor of above-ground. Marcia of Bel Air noted that there is a river underneath, which Metro was not aware of. Irene feels that they should have meetings with the communities. Larry brought up the other proposal for heavy rail. Irene noted that they won't tell us which project they're proposing until December and that they want letters of support of what we would like. Shawn has a problem with underground through Bel Air. Irene is calling a Traffic Committee meeting for October 14, 15, or 16, which will also include discussion of the one-year experiment Waze program and plans to revise the contract between Waze and the City. **No action**

13. **Bylaws, Standing Rules & Elections Committee – Larry Leisten, Chair** + *Cathy Wayne, Robert Schlesinger, Jamie Hall, Maureen Smith, Ellen Evans, Rob Farber, Robin Greenberg and Shawn Bayliss*

a. Update/Report by Chair: Larry informed Board that he, Robin & Ellen appeared before BONC, principally to reiterate contents of letter previously submitted to Clerk regarding issues encountered with NC Election. In addition, Larry presented Commission with several recommendations to alleviate these issues for future NC elections. Recommendations included much better communication between election administrator, as well as assigned poll worker, and election representatives of the BABCNC. Issues regarding where BABCNC representatives can set up outreach table on Election Day near polling location, as well as ensuring smooth and easy verification of Stakeholder's qualification to be provide correct ballot can be remedied with good communication between City election representative, assigned poll worker & BABCNC representatives. Larry also informed Board that Clerk's office reported on NC Elections at same meeting, and admitted to making mistakes throughout the NC Election season. Larry noted Board had recently received response to letter from Clerk's Office, whereby Clerk shifted blame for much of problems encountered upon the BABCNC. In response, Larry reiterated need to communicate to Clerk's Office, in second response of need for greater communication.

Larry next reported that in the next month or so, he'll call a meeting of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, and we'll work on revisions to BABCNC's Bylaws; the more immediate part is to do our Standing Rules, in latter part of October. Larry may sit down with each Chair, and discuss the issues each Chair has running committees. He noted that he gets calls with questions for which his response is that we are silent on many of these matters.

Larry related that Stephanie shared with him an email with a newspaper article from Laurel Canyon which seems to be a revisit of an issue that came up last year when someone at the Neighborhood Congress attacked our governmental structure with falsities. He noted that we will respond with a letter directed to the community in Laurel Canyon. Last year's letter was sent to Grayce because the woman spoke at the Congress for all to hear, and in this instance it was for a publication read by people in Laurel Canyon.

14. Planning & Land Use Committee – Robert Schlesinger, Chair, Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair + Robin Greenberg, Nickie Miner, Don Loze, Jamie Hall, Jason Spradlin, Yves Mieszala, Cathy Wayne, Wendy Morris, Shawn Bayliss, Maureen Levinson, Leslie Weisberg & Stella Grey.

a. Update/Report by Chair – The PLU Committee met August 13th and September 10th The following projects were heard with recommendations to the Board.

b. PROJECTS FROM THE AUGUST 13, 2019 PLU COMMITTEE MEETING:

1) 1312 N Beverly Grove ZA-2019-63-ZAD ENV-2019-64-CE

To bring letter confirming the 2 issues agreed to. BCA Lot: 19,070.2 sf.

Project Description: CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 2-STORY PLUS BASEMENT SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING AND NEW POOL, 5,829 SQ. FT. **Requested Entitlement:** ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO LAMC SECTION 12.24.X 28 TO WAIVE REQUIRED STREET IMPROVEMENT. LOT FRONTS ON A STREET IMPROVED TO LESS THAN 20 FEET WIDE. VEHICULAR ACCESS FROM THE LOT TO THE BOUNDARY OF THE HILLSIDE AREA IS NOT ON STREETS CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVED TO A MINIMUM OF 20 FEET WIDE.

Agent/Rep: Hassan Majd hmajd@HMDGINC.com 323.643.4780

Permanent Link: <http://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/CaseId/MjI2NDk40>

Motion: We are accepting a revised letter from the builder ascertaining that there will be two retaining walls not to exceed eight feet, minimum of three feet apart and that the developer will provide that the frontage of the property be brought to the minimum of 20 feet, with the road to be widened to 20' width (curb face to curb face) along the property frontage. A "B-permit" through Bureau of Engineering will be needed to comply with the new construction. He needs to interact with his neighbors in a positive manner. Moved by Robert; seconded by Cathy; 9/0/0; passed.

- Bob noted that he has been communicating with Matthew Roth, the architect. We are asking them to approve subject to condition that the developer improve the road along the frontage of the property at a minimum of 20 feet, and that a B-permit through BOE will be needed to comply with the construction, adjusting of a retaining wall, so that it does not exceed 10 feet. Bob has sent an informal letter and noted that he heard from him this afternoon and noted that he didn't have the time, and will talk to him about it tomorrow. Bob noted that this is still being held in abeyance; there is no motion because we have to figure out what he is asking for. We asked for two simple items, and he came back with a page and a half quoting code. **No Action**

2) Motion: To form an Ad-hoc Committee to explore and advise on compliance and enforcement for home-sharing/party house activities currently endangering the neighborhood. Stephanie Savage, Maureen Levinson & Samantha Cannon and Marlena Donohue volunteered; Moved Cathy W.; seconded Yves; 11/0/0 passed. Robert noted that this is already done.

Continued or Deferred:

- 10690 Somma Way ZA-2019-1383-ZAD ENV-2019-1384-EAF BAA

- 8555 Lookout Mountain • ZA-2018-7445-ZAD-ZAA ENV-2018-7446-EAF LCA 90046

- 1501 N Marlay Dr • ZA-2017-2328-ZAD ENV-2017-2329-CE DSPNA 90069
- 9501 Gloaming Drive DIR-2019-850-DRB-SPP-MSP ENV-2019-851-CE CWC 90210
- 11100 Chalon – 15 protected trees: Bob gave brief note on this.

c. **PROJECTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 PLU COMMITTEE MEETING:**

3) **10690 Somma Way ZA-2019-1383-ZAD ENV-2019-1384-EAF ZA 8/19/19 NPH 2:00p C/H**
 Van Nuys 90077 BAA ARC Approved BAA 12/20/16 Exp 3,500 cy DENIED

Requested Entitlement: PURSUANT TO LAMC SECTION 16.50 AND 11.5.7, DESIGN REVIEW BOARD AND MULHOLLAND SCENIC PARKWAY SPECIFIC PLAN COMPLIANCE IS REQUESTED FOR THE DEMOLITION OF AN (E) SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING AND ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A (N) SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF 29,811 SF. PROJECT SITE IS ZONED RE40 AND IS LOCATED IN THE BEL - AIR BEVERLY CREST COMMUNITY PLAN AREA.

Appl: Stephen Ives Dolcedo LLC, Oklahoma City Agent: Tony Russo
 Permanent Link: <http://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/CaseId/MjI3ODg20>

- This item was heard at the PLU Committee meetings in June, July, August & September 2019.

At the August 13th meeting, the following motion was approved: **That we reserve the right to give an opinion, until prior to the ZA hearing, if there are no other issues. Tony needs to provide LAFD clearance, a grading plan and site photos.**

At the September 10th meeting, the following motion was approved: **To approve with conditions of permeable fencing and promise of dust reduction and the other conditions mentioned over the course of four meetings (to be put together by going through minutes) moved by Don; seconded by Stephanie; 9 yes; 1 no; Nickie; 0 abstentions; and passed.**

- Shawn noted, from a Bel Air perspective, the project's CC&Rs were submitted to the Architectural Supervisory Committee; some minor changes and revisions were made; committee ultimately approved project based on those. Bob noted we were waiting for letter from Bel Air Association so that they could vet this before we would come out with anything. Bob read note that we reserve the right to give an opinion, until prior to the ZA hearing, if are no other issues & Tony needs to provide LAFD clearance, a grading plan and site photos.

- Tony Russo gave brief review, noting it is a demolition of a single family dwelling, about 10,000 square feet; to construct a new two-story single family dwelling with basement; size 17,342 square feet, excluding basement and including basement is 22,500 square feet. He noted that **this is a request for relief for street widening; just for portions of their private streets that are less than 20 feet.** City Planning has gone back and forth but says you need a ZAD for portions that you front not the portions that you don't front, and the applicant fronts a portion of a private street that is a little less than 20 feet, it is 18; that's the only request they're making.

- Tony noted that they have met with a couple of neighbors on Somma and some neighbors who share a private street, and that all have no issues. Tony related that **they already had their ZA hearing** with no opposition.

- He noted that they have met with Shawn and the PLU Committee a few times, and believe they have support for the project from the neighbors. Currently they do not have approval in writing but they've met with Robert Herskew, north, across the street on Somma. There was noticing for the hearings.

- Robin asked how the PLU Committee sees this. Bob reiterated position from the August PLU meeting that we reserve the right to give an opinion until prior to the ZA hearing, if there are no other issues. Stephanie stated position from the September 10th PLU meeting, noting it was approved with the following conditions (the latter of which was to include conditions gathered from four sets of meeting minutes). Tony recalled that the conditions he is aware of are the wildlife fencing, which they agreed to.

At this point, attention was turned to the conditions and issues laid out in the following list, culled from the June, July, August and September meeting minutes:

- 1) A private street less than 20 feet. Ingress & egress w/neighbors during construction. Discussed.
- 2) That any new or existing fencing be changed out for wildlife permeable fencing. Agreed to by Tony.
- 3) 51 non-protected trees to be replaced at a ratio of 1:1. One protected oak tree will be protected in place.
- 4) A private street less than 20 feet, potential safety issue.
- 5) Dust mitigation and location for staging, stockpiling and calculation of 7,310 cy of grading on site. Bob noted this evening that this is the big issue on this committee and asked, where are you going to store the dirt? Jamie noted that this is not a condition but a random thought. Per Tony Russo, this evening, they will grade onsite, there's a limit to the amount of export that they can dig onsite. Bob mentioned that the city was calculating the fluff factor, which normally they don't do. Marcia asked, and Tony noted that they are removing 4,097 cy cut, 3,213 cy fill, resulting in 884 cy of export.
- 6) Impact of demolition & 3,213 cy of export on substandard street.
- 7) Do retaining walls exceed the ordinance? Per Tony this evening, "No," we will comply with BHO.
- 8) Adherence to the HCRs

Robert noted that the main issues were wildlife permeable fencing and ingress and egress, and replacement of trees, which will be mentioned in the ZA letter. Jamie noted that the only additional conditions he is hearing are that we were recommending approval subject to the following conditions that the applicant has agreed to:

Motion: 1) Installation of wildlife permeable fencing for existing and proposed fencing; 2) that any non-protected significant trees be replaced by a 1:1 ratio **moved** by Jamie and **seconded** by Marcia. Jamie noted that we have heard this project four times, and that the issue is the burden associated with relocating the retaining walls, is that they are big tall existing retaining walls, and you have to move them back two feet. He noted that the PLUM committee felt the risks of doing this would outweigh the benefits. Marcia was extremely concerned that there is nothing in writing from the neighbors.

Discussion to amend the motion: To add: 3) that the neighbors sign that they are all notified in writing. Tony noted that they cannot force someone to sign something, though noted he can try. Jamie recommended voting on his motion and let Shawn do his supplemental outreach. Jamie asked, can we ask that he re-notify the neighbors and make sure they're aware of this? Bob agreed to this. Tony agreed to the condition that he will send out certified mail.

Restating the Motion: To approve the project subject to the following three conditions: 1) Existing and/or new fencing be wildlife permeable; 2) all significant non-protected trees be replaced at a 1:1 ratio; 3) applicant send letters via certified mail to affected nearby abutting property owners informing them of the application.

18 yes; 4 No: Stephanie, Don, Travis & Nickie. **2 Abstentions:** Irene & Kristie; motion **passed**. Irene expressed concern about not widening the narrow street in a high-fire risk area, with a large property such as this one, which led to brief discussion as to the city's provisions for widening roads in front of property and when they involve private streets, including what findings such as hardship.

Postponed or Deferred:

- 8424 & 8426 W. Brier Dr. • ZA-2018-2920-ZAD 90046
- 90046 ENV-2018-2916-EAF ZA-2018-2917-ZAD
- 9501 Gloaming Dr. DIR-2019-850-DRB-SPP-MSP ENV-2019-851-CE CWC 90210
- 1501 N Marlay Dr ZA-2017-2328-ZAD ENV-2017-2329-CE DSPNA 90069
- 11100 Chalon ENV-2019-3327-CE BAA 90077 ENV-2016-911-CE **15 Protected Trees**

c. Next PLU Committee Meeting: Thursday (*not Tuesday*) Oct. 10, 2019 @ 7:00pm @ AJU, Room #223

15. **Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis, Chair** + *Dan Palmer, Irene Sandler, Robert Schlesinger, Robin Greenberg, Maureen Smith, Gail Sroloff, Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Rob Farber, Maureen Levinson, Mike Schlenker, Ron Cornell, Hildreth Simmons, Danielle Cohen & Seema Hassan.*
- a. **Update/Report by Chair:** Meeting was held September 18, 2019 @ 7:00pm @ Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse
 - b. Chuck noted that at his last meeting, we had 15 individuals. Walt Young from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) spoke. He mentioned that they will have “Arson Watch” on Red Flag days; will have different patrol cars out there, a big benefit to us. We had a RYLAN (Ready your LA Neighborhood) spokeswoman, which Mayor Garcetti mentioned for resilience plan, which subject is very similar to “Map Your Neighborhood” which Ben Park has spoken to the Committee about on several occasions, and worked with various neighborhoods. Aaron Gross was unable to make it. Chuck put Bill Grundfest, who helps us on the EP Committee, in touch with Jarrett Thompson. He related that the City has been working with “Alert Fire” for heat sensing technology. They’re looking for towers in the area and he is speaking with DWP to see if they can put heat sensors up above in the area, which can spot wildfires before they turn into something bigger. Chuck related that Bill Hopkins is having their Disaster Preparedness Fair as noted on our agenda below. He related that Mayor’s “Resiliency” plan is to 1) to make a preparedness officer to serve as liaison on the Emergency Management Department, which is Jacqueline Le Kennedy; 2) to have these individuals trained by EMD to facilitate workshops such as RYLAN, which we’ve done for some of the HOAs, and 3) to have NC organize and host local block parties, etc. He noted that so far our strategy has been to prepare HOAs to prepare their constituents to use Map Your Neighborhood and then RYLAN. The following communities have already begun to put these into place: Benedict Hills Estates, Benedict Hills HOA, Colina Glen, Doheny-Sunset Plaza, Residents of Beverly Glen, Benedict Canyon and we already have in place, Bel Air Crest, Bel Air Ridge, and Bel Air Association; 8-9 communities implementing resiliency efforts. Further BABCNC EP presentations can be found at our website: <https://www.babcnc.org/publicsafety-committee.php> Discussed door hangers.
 - c. **Next EP Meeting: November 13, 2019 @ 7:00pm @ Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse @ 2760 Claray 90077**
16. **Joint Outreach Committee – Ellen Evans, Chair** + *R. Greenberg, N. Miner, M. Smith & A. Stojka*
And Budget & Finance Committee – Philip Enderwood, Chair + *Robin Greenberg, Heather Roy, Cathy Wayne, Kristie Holmes, & Rob Farber*
- a. **Update/Report by Chairs** On September 13, 2019, Joint Outreach and Budget & Finance Committees met at Jayde’s Market, Glen Centre. Quorum for both met. The following are brought to the Board:
 - i. **Discussion and Possible Motion:** Motion to purchase white polo shirts with BABCNC logo: Up to 12 @ \$43; 13-24 @ \$36/shirt. Motion to purchase white polo shirts did not pass and it was recommended we look at a color chart
 - Robin provided everyone with a page of color choices. André related that we were complaining that we didn’t want polo shirts at all, feels it is a waste of money. Robin took a vote for color for the new people who do not have a polo shirt on the board; Bob recommended they vote on it. Chuck wants to be sure it is cotton. Ellen recommended black, dark green & Kelly green. Vote taken on color only: **11 black;** 4 Kelly green; 3 dark green.
 - Motion:** If people want to purchase their own, they can do that, moved by Gail. **No action**
 - ii. **Motion:** To approve purchase of business cards for new members (under \$25.00/box of 250 at city’s printer) moved by Ellen, seconded by Rob; approved at committee.
 - iii. **Motion:** To approve ordering Emergency Preparedness door hangers for neighbors, HOAs, Fire Stations, etc., to take to meetings, @ \$300 for 2,500 moved by Ellen; seconded by André; approved at committee. Kristie noted a mistake on the placard, under CPR, noting to forget breathing into anyone’s mouth; it is chest compressions only. Chuck noted that there is another error that needs to be fixed (should say do not panic.) Bob recommended that any corrections should be emailed to Chuck before these are printed. Robin reiterated that with regard to the Orange Placards, we will modify them to be correct. Robin noted we should all have business cards, and **vote on business cards & placards together;** moved by Marcia; **seconded** by André. Gail feels if people want to purchase their own, they can do that. Irene would like business cards for those who need replenishments. **24/0/0; passed.**

- 17. Traffic Committee – Irene Sandler, Chair** + *Robin Greenberg, Larry Leisten, Maureen Smith, André Stojka, Sam Sanandaji, Wendy Morris, Gail Sroloff, Maureen Levinson, Leslie Weisberg, Patricia Templeton, Patricia Murphy, Joyce Paige & Pamela Pierson*
- a. **Update/Report by Chair** Irene gave report under Executive Committee Report above, #12.b.
- 18. Public Works and Telecommunications Committee – Marcia Wilson Hobbs, Chair** + *Nickie Miner, Mindy Mann, Rob Farber* [considers issues re: water, gas, electric and sewage lines, telecommunication infrastructure and public rights of way and easements.]
- a. **Update/Report by Chair – Deferred due to time constraints**
- 19. Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues – Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair** + *Jamie Hall, Stephanie Savage, Maureen Smith, Ellen Evans, Wendy Morris, Maureen Levinson.*
- a. **Update/Report by Chair – Deferred due to time constraints**
- 20. Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ord. Enforcement / Evans & Savage Co-Chairs** + *Maureen Levinson, Samantha Cannon (Coldwater Canyon), Marlina Doktorczyk-Donahue (Residents of Beverly Glen), Stella Grey (DSPNA), Darby Manning (DSPNA), James “Jim” Murray (DSPNA)*
- a. **Update/Report by Chair** – First meeting was held September 19, 2019 @ Bel Air Association office. The following was discussed and recommended to the board:
- b. Home Sharing Ordinance and Its Administration Guidelines (CF 14-1635-S2)**
Discussion & Possible Motion: To approve letter prepared or to be prepared by Committee addressing registration requirement concerns, transparency, public health & safety, insurance and, most importantly, enforcement; addressed to Councilmember Ryu and Koretz, the Mayor, Planning, LAPD & LAFD Fire Chiefs, LADBS General Manager & Inspection Chief, Code Enforcement Bureau Chief, Chief Inspector General Enforcement and Specialty/Signs Inspection. (**Attachment I**)
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-1635-S2>
Moved by Ellen; **seconded** by Bob; **24/0/0; passed**

New Business (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action with possible CIS and/or letters)

- 21. Toyon & Mexican Elderberry Measurement (CF 13-1339)**
Discussion & Possible Motion. We will debate what the appropriate measurement should be and lay out three proposals: (1) Keep existing measurement in Ordinance, (2) Go with UFD Measurement Recommendation which sets threshold of 4.5 feet and removes cumulative measurement or (3) Go with Revised UFD Measurement and set threshold at 2.5 feet; CIS change “for” to “for if amended.”
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=13-1339>
 - Jamie related that we are on record with a Community Impact Statement that we support the addition of Toyon & Mexican Elderberry to the list of protected tree and shrub ordinance. These will be the first two shrubs. There is disagreement and we did not take a position on what should qualify, e.g., how big should the shrub be? How tall? Should it be cumulative diameter? Etc. That is now that is the central issue holding up adoption of this ordinance. Some people want to stick with the original definition in the protected tree ordinance that you look at the cumulative diameter of the species; e.g., if multiple branches at bottom, you add up how big each one is, and look at that grand total, and if it meets a certain threshold it qualifies. Urban Forestry doesn’t want to do that because of the nature of shrubs. The issues are 1) how big diameter of trunk and 2) how tall it should be. Jamie reiterated the three options: **Option #1:** Stick to the original in the protected tree ordinance, probably the most protective OR **Option #2:** single trunk 2” at 2-1/2 feet OR **Option #3:** Single trunk 2” at 4-1/2 feet. Or do something different. We have been taking a leadership role on this ordinance so we want to take a position on what the measurements should be. André asked for significance of those dimensions. Jamie noted the lower the threshold is, the more things qualify; so UFD’s position is, we don’t want to set a rule that basically qualifies every single shrub because applications would mushroom and they want to take a compromise position.

Travis related that as long as we're supporting this going forward, the difference will be negligible. By the time you have 2" and 2-1/2' or cumulative at 4-1/2', it's basically going to sweep a lot up in it. Urban Forestry is not a policy-setting body. They are part of the Executive Branch. Policy is made by City Council and Mayor. He thinks the easiest thing to do is stick with the standard that's out there for all these other things, and noted that elderberry is a tree; we can protect it like a tree. Toyons turn into trees; let's keep it simple: One measurement to rule them all; add species; move on.

Motion: Keep the existing measurement in the ordinance; **moved** by Travis; Bob **seconded**. Jamie supports this because he thinks it's probably the most protective and will be easiest to have one rule. Travis would keep it like the other protected trees; usually for an elderberry, that's one stalk. **24/0/0; passed.**

22. **Airport Noise Discussion & Possible Motion:** To write letter to Van Nuys Airport supporting voluntary late night/early morning curfew on flying using example of Bel Air Hills Association's letter – Morris (**Attachment L**) Wendy noted that you can't have mandatory no fly at night unless you already had one back in 1975 or so. But Burbank has a voluntary and we want Van Nuys to do the same thing.

Moved by Wendy: **seconded** by Larry; **24/0/0; passed.**

23. **3003 Runyon Canyon Environmental Case ENV-2016-4180-EIR State Clearinghouse # 2018041016 Discussion & Possible Motion:** Write letter in opposition to construction of a multi-level, single family residence as inappropriate for site under Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan (Hillside Fed 09/17/19.) - Jamie presented this item that was also heard at Hillside Federation, that Runyon has a parcel that is 100% surrounded by the park, and there is an existing house on there; it is a historical cultural monument. The applicant wants to build a large house (Cathy Wayne said it is 23,000 square feet). Jamie continued, including exempt basements; they won't demolish the HCM but will turn it into the ADU. They're doing an EIR for a single family home; which he noted is remarkable. It is zoned residential. The public comment expires on October 7th. It is not in our NC but a lot of people who live in our neighborhood council visit the park. It is one of the most frequently visited parks. This is an atrocious project; it will destroy park-going experience for years to come to build a house like that, inside the park and it is not the best use of that property. Write a letter to be submitted during public comment period going on record that we oppose the project. Jamie **moved**; Cathy **seconded**; **24/0/0; passed.**

Agenda Items #24-30: Deferred due to time constraints

24. **SB-330 Housing Crisis Act by Senator Skinner – Takes away local authority on housing**

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB330

Discussion & Possible Motion: To write letter to Governor to oppose SB330 Skinner

25. **Animal Services Program for Cats Discussion & Possible Motion** To oppose Brenda Barnett's City Dept. of Animal Services' Program for cats: Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR)

26. **Appointments & Reports of Liaisons, Representatives and Other Announcements**

27. **Appointments of Liaisons, Alliance & Other Representatives Following June Board Elections**

Per DONE: <https://empowerla.org/liaison/> During the year, agencies will ask EmpowerLA for Liaison contact info for purpose of sending invitations to meetings or events of interest, to receive feedback, or to request help sharing info w/ NCs & stakeholders.

DONE–Established Liaisons: Deferred due to time constraints

- a. Animal Services Liaison (Currently Travis Longcore)
- b. Homelessness Liaison – (Previously Jacqueline Le Kennedy & Leslie Weisberg)
- c. Purposeful Aging Liaison – (Previously Jacqueline Le Kennedy)
- d. Resiliency Liaison – (Currently Jacqueline Le Kennedy)
- e. DWP Rep. Liaisons

- f. Grievance Panel Liaison (No BABCNC Liaison to date)
Once appointed, please sign up w/ DONE at: <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bkwgw9r68?a=nwr>
[Public Works & Film Liaison Nickie & Budget Reps Ellen & Jacqueline Appointed 08/04/2019]
- g. Neighborhood Sustainability Alliance Liaison (Currently Jacqueline Le Kennedy)
- h. Plan Check Alliance (Previously Cathy Wayne & Nickie Miner)

BABCNC–Established City Department Liaisons

- i. Bureau of Street Services – (Currently Ellen Evans & Mindy Mann)
- j. LADOT, RE: Traffic/Parking – (Currently Cathy Wayne, Irene Sandler & Ellen Evans)
- k. Code Enforcement & Bureau of Engineering – (Currently Stephanie Savage)
- l. DWP Rep. Liaisons (Currently Mindy Rothstein Mann) |

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils Land Use & Planning Committee (LUPC) Representative

- m. **Motion:** To appoint at least one rep to WRAC-LUPC. 1st Sunday month, 9-10:30 am at 1645 Corinth.

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

29. Budget Representative Reports – Ellen Evans & Jacqueline Le Kennedy

30. Reports of BABCNC Liaisons (Updates & Discussion)

31. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2019 CONGRESS OF NEIGHBORHOODS Saturday September 28, 2019 7:45am-4:30pm
LA City Hall Please register here: <https://www.nccongressla.com/>

VALLEY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FAIR 2019 Saturday October 12, 2019 9:30 am to 1:30 pm
Pacific Theaters parking lot Northridge Fashion Center 9400 Shirley Ave., Northridge, 91324
Free admission, free family EP kits, free parking; free food; to encourage all to be disaster ready.
<https://www.valleydisasterfair.com/>

Jamie related that LCA is having a meeting on Thursday October 17, 2019 @ 6:30 pm @ the Mulholland Tennis Club, and asked if BABCNC reps would come to the meeting and have a booth or table from where they could introduce some people who have never known about the neighborhood council to the BABCNC.

- 32. **Adjournment:** Robin wished everyone celebrating a Happy New Year. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

BABCNC’s Upcoming Board Meetings:

Meetings in November & December will be held on the 3rd Wednesdays, instead of usual 4th Wednesdays.

Wednesday 11/20/2019 & Wednesday 12/18/2019

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