



**General Board Meeting Agenda Revised**

**Wednesday January 22, 2020 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**American Jewish University**

**15600 Mulholland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 223 Bel Air 90077**

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1. Call to Order – Robin Greenberg
2. Roll Call (quorum 15)
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. **Motion:** Approval of January 22, 2020 AGENDA (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
5. **Motion:** Approval of December 18, 2019 Meeting MINUTES (**Attachment A**)
6. **Public Comment:** BABCNC welcomes comment on any topic not on adopted agenda, within the Board’s jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes unless waived by President.
7. **President’s Report – Robin Greenberg**
8. **Representatives of Elected Officials & Agencies, including but not limited to:**
  - Senior Lead Officer, Chris Ragsdale, West Los Angeles Police Station
  - Senior Lead Officer, Ralph Sanchez, Hollywood Police Station
9. **Vice President’s Report – Nickie Miner**
10. **Secretary’s Report – Robert Ringler**
11. **Treasurer’s Report – Jacqueline Le Kennedy** **(Update, Discussion & Action)**
  - a. **Update/Report from Treasurer**
  - b. **Motion** To approve December 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachment B**)

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

12. **Executive Committee – Greenberg, Chair + Nickie Miner, Vice President, Robert Ringler, Secretary, Jacqueline Kennedy, Treasurer, Jamie Hall, Board Member; Committee Chairs: Larry Leisten, Robert Schlesinger & Stephanie Savage, Chuck Maginnis, Ellen Evans, Irene Sandler & Marcia Hobbs**
  - a. **Update by Chair** – On January 10, 2019, the Executive Committee met @ Bel Air Crest Association Clubhouse.
13. **Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis, Chair + D. Palmer, I. Sandler, R. Schlesinger, R. Greenberg, M. Smith, J. Kennedy, R. Farber, M. Levinson, M. Schlenker, R. Cornell, H. Simmons, D. Cohen & S. Hassan.**
  - a. **Update/Report by Chair: Meeting was held January 15, 2019, 7:00pm @ Bel Air Ridge**
  - b. **Next EP Meeting: March 18, 2020 @ 7:00pm @ Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse @ 2760 Claray**
14. **Planning & Land Use – Schlesinger, Chair, Savage, Vice Chair + Greenberg, Miner, Loze, Hall, Spradlin, Mieszala, Wayne, Morris, Bayliss, Levinson, Weisberg & Grey**
  - a. **Update/Report by Chair – The PLU Committee met Tuesday January 14, 2020 @ AJU**

Projects were heard and recommendations were made for Board approval as follows:

    - b. **1551 N. Summitridge Drive 90210 ZA-2018-3458-ZV-ZAD, ENV-2018-3459-CE**

THE REDUCTION HEIGHT FROM 64’ TO 45’ AND REDUCTION OF RFA FROM 4,207 SF TO 3,662 SF OF A PREVIOUSLY BUILT SFD THAT WAS CONSTRUCTED BEYOND THE SPECIFICATIONS OF PERMITS; AND INSTALLATION OF A POOL, SPA; PURSUANT TO SECTION 12.24 OF THE LAMC A ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S DETERMINATION FOR A SFD WITH A MAXIMUM OF 45’ IN HEIGHT IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED 30’ (HEIGHT OF THE UNPERMITTED SFD IS 65’) AND REDUCED SIDE YARDS AT 9’5” IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED SIDE YARDS. SECTION 12.28, A ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S ADJUSTMENT FOR THE INCREASE OF RFA BY 333 SQUARE FEET FOR A 3,662 SQUARE-FOOT SFD (A REDUCTION FROM THE 4,207 SQUARE-FOOT HOUSE THAT WAS UNPERMITTED).

Applicant: Mark Gaeta, Summit Industries, LLC; Rep.: Steve Kawaratani (Kawaratani Consulting)
  - Motion:** Approve the project and add that they should be sure to ask for the proper entitlement, per code section, and describe them accurately. Moved by Nickie; seconded by Stephanie. 5 yes; 1 no: Yves; 1 abstain: Robert. 1 recusal: Shawn. Passed.
    - c. **320 N Carolwood Drive ZA-2019-6732-ZAD-ZAA ENV-201-6734-CE**

CONSTRUCTION NEW OVER-IN-HEIGHT PEDESTRIAN GATES, WALLS AND PILASTERS WITHIN THE REQUIRED YARDS AND THE CONSTRUCTION, OF A NEW POOL PAVILION IN THE REQUIRED STREET SIDE YARD. A ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S ADJUSTMENT TO ALLOW THREE 9'-6" TALL GATES AND PILASTERS WITHIN THE FRONT AND SIDE YARD SETBACKS OF A REVERSED CORNER LOT, IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED 3'-6

Applicant: Bruce Karsh, H25A LLC; Rep.: John Parker (sic) [Chris Parker] Pacific Crest Consultants
    - Motion:** That the neighbors be notified and requested to approve, acknowledge, and okay the setbacks and height moved by Wendy. Chris will send certified letters. **Friendly amendment:** Conditional approval of the project conditioned upon their notifying the neighbors and certified return receipt moved by Shawn; seconded by Yves; 8/0/0; Passed.

**d. 9477 W. Lloydcrest Drive 90210 ZA-2019-4550-ZAD**

PURSUANT TO LAMC SECTION 12.24.X.28, A ZONING ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINATION FOR A WAIVER OF IMPROVEMENT ON A LOT FRONTING ON A SUBSTANDARD HILLSIDE LIMITED STREET THAT IS IMPROVED LESS THAN 20 FEET. PURSUANT TO LAMC SECTION 12.24.X.28, A ZONING ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINATION FOR A WAIVER OF IMPROVEMENT ON A LOT FRONTING ON A SUBSTANDARD HILLSIDE LIMITED STREET THAT IS IMPROVED WITH A ROADWAY WIDTH OF LESS THAN 20 FEET, IN RELATION TO A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR AN ADDITION OF 1,900 SQUARE FEET ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF AN EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING, THE REMOVAL OF AN EXISTING SWIMMING POOL, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SWIMMING POOL

Applicant: Richard Eisen [Company: Juice Bar Trust] Representative: Alexander Van Gaalen [Company: Crest Real Estate]

**Motion:** Conditional confirmation based on what happens with or without the wall. Mention something to the ZA about the wall.

- To approve the project presented this evening to the request to remove and replace pool, to add pool bathroom and the 2nd story addition.
- We want to confirm/verify onsite covered parking requirement is sufficient. Stephanie noted that added stair to second story addition encroaches and dimensions look tight for parking.
- We need to include information about 2nd entitlement request in relation to the extent of the retaining wall required for road-widening, pending further information from the applicant. We need confirmation from the ZA as to the safety regarding the hillside in need of retaining wall, if the road widening occurs. No soils engineering has been performed yet, so we do not understand if safety is the issue. Existing retaining walls are railroad ties.

Moved by Stephanie; seconded by Robert. 4 yes; 2 abstained; 2 opposed. Conditionally approved.

**e. Next PLU Cmte. Meeting: Tuesday February 11, 2020 @ 7:00pm @ AJU “Boardroom”**

**15. Bylaws, Standing Rules & Elections Committee – Leisten, Chair + C. Wayne, R. Schlesinger, J. Hall, M. Smith, E. Evans, R. Farber, R. Greenberg, S. Bayliss**

- a. Update/Report by Chair: Plan to provide Board with redline of proposed revisions to Bylaws, and identification of issues for inclusion in Standing Rules, and how the two impact one another in light of impending submittal to DONE for approval for 2021 NC Elections.

**16. Outreach Committee – Ellen Evans, Chair + R. Greenberg, N. Miner, M. Smith & A. Stojka**

- a. Update/Report by Chair

**17. Budget & Finance Committee – Jacqueline Kennedy, Chair + Greenberg, Roy, Wayne, Holmes, Farber**

- a. Update/Report by Chair

**a. Traffic Committee – Irene Sandler, Chair + R. Greenberg, L. Leisten, M. Smith, A. Stojka, W. Morris, G. Sroloff, P. Enderwood, M. Levinson, L. Weisberg, P. Templeton, P. Murphy, J. Paige & P. Pierson**

- a. Update/Report by Chair: The Executive Committee met on January 10<sup>th</sup> and the following regarding Metro Sepulveda Pass Transit Corridor Motions are proposed as a consent agenda item:

**Motion 1.** Request from Metro Project Manager, Cory Zelmer, on-going updates of the progress being made regarding the process and progress of the ongoing work during the time period between January 2020 through the summer of 2020, when the Metro Board will vote on the chosen route(s) leading to a final decision which will, potentially, name a chosen partner for the public-private option and the route Metro has decided upon for Phase 2. We request ongoing dialogue with the Project Managers, not just the Metro Public Relations Department. (The Metro Public Relations Department does not want to meet with us at this time. If not now, when?)

**Motion 2.** Regarding the time-frame of any contract for maintenance of the project route by a private company, the BABCNC does not want Metro to commit to the possibly 30-year contract. Rather, there should be a minimum of a two-year trial period and, if all goes well, a contract of no more than 10 years. After that ten years, the contract may be extended, based upon performance. (We would like to know what the performance standards will be...but that can become a later motion.)

**Motion 3.** The BABCNC will not support any alternative until 1) our geological and fire safety concerns are thoroughly addressed, and, 2) the practicality of the chosen route is determined.

**b. Next Traffic Committee Meeting: February 6, 2020 @ 10:00am @ Bel Air Crest Clubhouse**  
RSVP required to [isandler@babenc.org](mailto:isandler@babenc.org) or Bel Air Crest office at (310) 471-3755

18. **Public Works and Telecommunications Committee – Marcia Wilson Hobbs, Chair + N. Miner, M. Mann, P. Enderwood, R. Farber** [considers issues re: water, gas, electric and sewage lines, telecommunication infrastructure and public rights of way and easements.]

a. Update/Report by Chair:

19. **Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues – Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair + J. Hall, S. Savage, M. Smith, E. Evans, W. Morris, M. Levinson & A. Stojka**

a. Update/Report by Chair

20. **Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinance Enforcement –Evans & Savage**  
Co-Chairs + *Samantha Cannon (Coldwater Canyon), Marlena Doktorczyk-Donahue (Residents of Beverly Glen), and Stella Grey, Darby Manning & James “Jim” Murray (North of Sunset)*

a. Update/Report by Chair: **Meeting was held January 16, 2019, 4:30pm @ Bel Air Association.**

The following recommendations were made for Board approval as a consent agenda item.

**Motion 1:** Move that the Neighborhood Council sends a letter to Planning about:

- getting a list of current registrations with addresses and owner names
- asking for clarification on enforcement plans for ensuring hosts don't exceed allowable maximum number of rental days
- asking for clarification regarding steps neighbors should when they identify violating properties
- asking for clarification regarding enforcement of regulations hosts clearly violate in listings  
(example is listings that expressly state that smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are not present in the home)

**Motion 2:** Move that the Neighborhood Council send a letter to Veronica de la Cruz and the City Attorney requesting update on ACE program training and enforcement.

**Motion 3:** Move to send a letter to Patrick Whalen to invite him to the next Neighborhood Council meeting to review specific regulations in the draft Vacation Rental Ordinance.

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

21. **Cathy Wayne has been appointed to the City of Los Angeles Housing Update Element Task Force for 2020-2029. Motion:** To nominate an Alternate for the CLA Housing Update Element Task Force.

22. **Discussion & Possible Funding Expenditure Motion on Joint-N.C. Town Hall on CD-4 Candidates taking place on February 16, 2020 @ 4:00pm @ John Marshall High School:** Use of the high school will free of charge; all participating neighborhood councils are asked to contribute funds towards refreshments and publicity.]

**Motion** BABCNC to approve a \$250.00 expenditure for outreach at the joint neighborhood council CD-4 Debate Town Hall 02/16/2020 @ John Marshall High School moved at Executive Cmte. by Robin; seconded by Larry; 6/0/0; passed.

23. **Discussion & Motion to Request Extension of Pole Banner Permit as previous permit has expired.**  
**Motion:** Request City Council approve BABCNC pole banners to continue hanging through to March 2021.

24. **Update and Possible Motion on Safe Sidewalks LA:** Draft EIR available for public comment for individuals & associations. 60-day public comment period: December 26, 2019 to February 24, 2020.

- Link includes Upcoming Public Meeting Dates: <https://safesidewalks.lacity.org/>
- Link includes locations to obtain DEIR: <https://sidewalks.lacity.org/environmental-impact-report>

**Purpose of Proposed Sidewalk Repair Program:**

- Continue & expand implementation of Safe Sidewalks LA.
- The proposed Sidewalk Repair Program would repair & upgrade sidewalks and curb ramps in the City of LA.
- Street tree removals and replacements, along with utility relocations, may be needed.
- The City may adopt policies and/or ordinances to assist in the efficient administration of the proposed Sidewalk Repair Program and its objectives.
- The Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) is prepared to analyze and disclose the potential environmental impacts as a result of the proposed Sidewalk Repair Program.
- The Draft EIR and technical studies are now available for public review and comment at: <http://sidewalks.lacity.commentinput.com/>.
- Comments can be made during the 60-day Public Review Period **December 26, 2019 to February 24, 2020.**
- Comments can be made via the [program website](#), [email](#), mail or at any of the 7 public meetings held during the Public Review Period. Further details are available below and on the program website.

**Motion:** Whereas, the Sidewalk Repair Environmental Impact Report (EIR) proposes to allow tree canopy to decrease over 1.5% during 30 years, only reaching 2017 levels again in 2047, and

Whereas, the EIR proposes to mitigate tree loss at different ratios during different years of the project in a cynical ploy to only plant the minimum number of trees necessary to return to 2017 levels in 2047 to claim the project will have no impacts, and

Whereas, tree canopy is an essential first line of defense against extreme heat days, which will become more frequent during the next 30 years and localized tree loss will result in a dangerous increase in local temperatures, especially on extreme heat days,

Therefore, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council requests 1) that all trees removed for the sidewalk repair program be mitigated at a ratio of 4:1 with species of equal size at maturity and located in the same neighborhood as those removed, 2) that the EIR be amended to consider tree removal a significant adverse impact with binding mitigation measures, and 3) that only those trees absolutely necessary to be removed for sidewalk repair be removed, with no pre-emptive removal of trees not causing problems, and every reasonable effort made to redesign sidewalks around trees.

25. **Discussion & Possible Motion Regarding SB-50** Because of the amendment removing the protection of Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFSZ) in the hillsides, we are against SB-50 going through as amended. For sample letter to our councilmembers in CD4 & CD5, along with Deputy Chief Armando Hogan, West Bureau, LAFD, please see the attached letter from PPCC, requesting assistance in obtaining protection for Pacific Palisades, Brentwood and all other Los Angeles communities in the VHFSZ from the dangerous impacts of SB-50 (Wiener). (**Attachment C**)

**Reports from Liaisons, Alliances & Other Representatives**

26. **Report from Budget Advocate – Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Budget Advocate**

**27. Reports from DONE–Established Liaisons:**

- a. Animal Services – Travis Longcore
- b. Resiliency – Jacqueline Le Kennedy
- c. Nickie Miner – Public Works & Film Liaison
- d. Ellen Evans – Budget Representative
- e. Homelessness – Patricia Murphy, Alternate for North of Sunset District
- f. Purposeful Aging – Patricia Murphy, Alternate for North of Sunset District
- g. DWP – Stephen Twining, Past BABCNC President
- h. Neighborhood Sustainability Alliance Liaison – Jacqueline Le Kennedy

**Appointments of Liaisons Following June Board Elections**

**28. Appointments of Additional DONE–Established Liaisons**

- a. Legal (Vacant: No BABCNC Liaison to date)
- b. Grievance Panel (Vacant: No BABCNC Liaison to date)
- c. Emergency Preparedness (Vacant: No BABCNC Liaison to date)  
Once appointed to the above, above liaisons register at: <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bkwwg9r68?a=nwr>  
**Not listed on the quickbase.com link above:**
- d. Plan Check Alliance (Vacant: *Previously Cathy Wayne & Nickie Miner*)

**29. Appointments of BABCNC–Established City Department Liaisons – Ellen Evans**

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

**30. Good of the Order**

**31. Announcements:**

- **Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm: Community Meeting of The Southern San Fernando Valley Airports Noise Task Force at the Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel.**

- **LA Sanitation & Environment: Anyone interested in attending a “Hyperion Water Plant” Tour in Playa Del Rey, and/or “Japanese Garden Tour” in San Fernando Valley? <https://www.lacitysan.org/>**

**32. Adjournment: Next Board Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: February 26, 2020 @ 7:00 pm @ AJU #223**

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