



Building A Better Community



General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 26, 2020 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

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

Present: 23 (Quorum 15)

2019/2020 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association		
<i>Irene Sandler</i>	X	
Bel Air District		
<i>Mark Goodman, M.D.</i>	X	
<i>Gail Sroloff</i>	X	
Bel Air Glen District		
<i>Larry Leisten</i>	X	
Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA)		
<i>Robin Greenberg, President</i>	X	
<i>Wendy Morris</i>		X
Bel Air Ridge HOA (Alternate, Ed Cain)		
<i>Ed Cain Alternate for André Stojka</i>	X	
Benedict Canyon Association (BCA)		
<i>Robert (Bob) Schlesinger</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>Robert Garfield, DDS</i>		X
Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (<i>Alternate Rob Farber as of 08/04/19</i>)		
<i>Jacqueline Le Kennedy</i>	X	
Custodians of Open Space		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D.</i>	X	
Faith-Based Organizations		
<i>Jackie DeFede</i>		X
Franklin-Coldwater District		
<i>Maureen Smith</i>		X
K-6 Private Schools		
<i>Teresa Lee</i>		X
7-12 Private Schools		
<i>Jon Wimbish</i>		X
Public Educational Institutions (K-12)		
<i>Kristie Holmes</i>	X	
Holmby Hills Association		
<i>Jason Spradlin</i>		X
Laurel Canyon Association (LCA) (<i>Anne Alexander, Kris Le Fan, Alternates as of 06/19/2019</i>)		
<i>Jamie Hall</i>	X	
<i>Stephanie Savage, PLUC Vice Chair</i>	X	
<i>Cathy Wayne</i>	X	
<i>Heather Roy</i>	X	
Members-at-Large		
<i>Chuck Maginnis</i>	X	
<i>Marcia Hobbs</i>	X	

2019/2020 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
<i>Shawn Bayliss</i>		X
Member-at-Large / Youth Seat		
<i>Philip Enderwood</i>	X	
North of Sunset District (<i>Patricia Murphy & Stella Grey, Alternates as of 06/19/2019</i>)		
<i>Ellen Evans</i>	X	
<i>Stella Grey, Alternate for Yves Mieszala</i>	X	
Residents of Beverly Glen (RoBG)		
<i>Robert A. Ringler</i>		X
<i>Dan Palmer</i>	X	
Total:	23	9

1. Call to Order – Robin Greenberg called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Roll Call (quorum 15) Jacqueline Le Kennedy called roll with 20 present. Two board members arrived soon thereafter & mid-way through meeting, Stella Grey served as Alternate for Yves for a total of 23.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. **Motion:** Approval of February 26, 2020 AGENDA (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2) Moved by Marcia; seconded by Cathy 20/0/0; passed
5. **Motion:** Approval of January 22, 2020 Meeting MINUTES (**Attachment A**) Moved by Larry; seconded by Marcia. Amendment: Cathy Wayne would amend date on housing element, correcting 2020 to 2021 through 2029. Discussion: Ellen would like to have briefer minutes, to include only what we discuss and motions. 18 yes; 2 no; Cathy Wayne & Marcia Wilson Hobbs; 0 abstentions; approved as corrected by Cathy Wayne.
6. **Public Comment:**
Caroline Cohen, Relationship Manager at AJU, asked us to spread the word of event at AJU April 1st@ 7:30pm: Speaker, Bari Weiss, NY Times: How to Fight Anti-Semitism, moderated by Ian Lovett, WSJ.

Raymond Yu reported on buildings to be demolished in Chinatown and signals needing to be replaced Broadway and Bernard; the LA Marathon at Dodgers Stadium, Sunday March 8, 2020 and LAFD Station #99 Fire Service Day May 9th 2020.

Bill Grundfest spoke on need to do something about catastrophic wildfire, e.g., high-tech solutions, e.g. AI systems. He wants NC to do something, noting that 20' right & left of roadsides is where fires start.
7. **President's Report – Robin Greenberg** acknowledged the passing of George Wolfberg and circulated a sympathy card for his widow. She also circulated a birthday card for our own Don Loze.
8. **Representatives of Elected Officials & Agencies**
LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Ralph Sanchez, Hollywood Division
- CPAB meetings: New Captain, Steven D. Lurie, has opened the door to meetings.
- Homeless Encampments: Ralph noted that they have a core unit for this. SLO Chris Ragsdale recommended creating service requests with MyLA311 app; take photos of scene; (they are GPS'd) and also send pictures to SLOs. See link: <https://www.lacity.org/myla311> You can also call 311.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Chris Ragsdale, WLA Police Station

- Crime: Doing well; down in every property crime category with exception of violent crime.
- Party Houses: Chalon party house was charged with ABC alcohol violation. LAPD will have Watch Commander Notification send a Supervisor along with Patrol unit to expedite in the future. Marcia asked if they can have helicopter above. He said they'll meet with properties to set protocols including shuttling people. Party House Ordinance pertains to loud & unruly gatherings.

CD4 Madelynn Taras

- "Withdrawn Streets Report" is coming back: A list of streets easily fixable; 2nd part involves a more complicated response, e.g., engineering.
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-1143>
- Speed Hump applications have closed.
- Tour Bus Report affecting eastern part of territory passed through committees. DOT is working on streets that tour buses won't be allowed on, to include Mulholland and smaller offshoot streets. LAPD will enforce. Discussed enforcement by SLOs & traffic officers.
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-1115>
- Jamie expressed appreciation for their changing state law; Madelyn credited AM Adrin Nazarian.
- CD4's new Planner is Paola Mendez (replacing Meg Greenfield).
- Wonder Woman of the 4th CD takes place in March. See Community Calendar on CM Ryu's website.

CD5 Jarrett Thompson

- Signs: Jarrett is working on high fire severity zone (HFSZ) signs with Chuck and is looking at red curbs
- Resurfacing: Beverly Estates Drive gets resurfaced.
- Fire detecting cameras, there is a pilot camera at DWP near Green Peak in Trailer Canyon; trying to get one at San Vicente Peak; in talks with T-Mobile RE sites. Bill recommended free "Alert Wildfire."
- Airport Noise: Jarrett is working w/ Wendy Morris, will submit CM Koretz's recommendations to Task Force Wednesday & letter to Task Force at the end of March. He will provide info if we call.

Semee Park is working on an update with regard to liaisons and will write down the description of rules and expectations of the liaisons within the next month or two.

9. **Special Guest Speakers from the LADWP**: Ellen introduced Matthew Gonzalez, Project Manager, who introduced Lourdes Rodriguez from Community Affairs, Thomas Martinez, Inter Gov. Affairs, and District Engineers Edgar Mercado & Mark Patterson. Detailed handouts were provided.
- Construction of pipeline replacement project begins March 2020, scheduled to be completed April 2021
 - Will be divided into three phases, hours Monday-Friday, 9:00am to 6pm.
 - There will be full closure of Sunset Plaza during construction hours. They will open road @ lunch hour, and have local access throughout day for residents and deliveries.
 - Electronic message boards/traffic control will be in place; fire & emergency access will be maintained.
 - Crews will work in manageable sections and open the road to traffic at the end of the workday.
 - Residents will have to use Queens Road to Hollywood Blvd; the only detour.
 - Presenter opined that Sunset Plaza as a haul route is causing damage to the pipes.
 - They anticipate project to be similar to Benedict Canyon project, now one month ahead of schedule.
 - They'll communicate with neighbors. Expect them to be in front of your house 3-4 weeks max.

10. Vice President's Report – Nickie Miner – Present / No report

11. Secretary's Report – Robert Ringler – Absent / No report

12. Treasurer's Report – Jacqueline Le Kennedy

(Update, Discussion & Action)

a. Update/Report from Treasurer Jacqueline gave report on the remaining funds.

- Motion**: Approve January 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment B**) Moved Jacqueline; seconded Cathy; 21 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention: Larry; (Philip stepped away) passed
- Motion**: Per requirement of the City, to approve re-application for PO Box at Santa Monica Post Office, to rename contact for accountability, from Catherine Palmer (formerly David Espinoza) to

Jacqueline Le Kennedy and/or Robert A. Ringler. **Attachment (C)**
Moved Jacqueline; seconded Ellen; 21 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; (Philip & Mark stepped out)

Reports of Committees (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action with Possible Letter or CIS Submissions)

13. Executive Committee – Greenberg, Chair + Miner, Ringler, Kennedy, Leisten, Schlesinger or Savage, Maginnis, Evans, Sandler & Hobbs

a. Update by Chair – On February 3, 2020 the Committee met jointly with the Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee @ Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse. Robin gave report.

b. Next meeting Friday March 6, 2020 @ Bel Air Crest Clubhouse

14. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis, Chair + Palmer, Sandler, Schlesinger, Greenberg, Smith, Kennedy, Farber, Levinson, Schlenker, Cornell, Simmons, Cohen & Hassan.

a. Update/Report by Chair: EP meeting was held January 15, 2019 & report given 01/22/2020.

- Chuck presented EP door hangers & Help/Okay signs for home windows during an emergency.

- Committee will have subcommittees to look at goals for 2020, and create a letter to present to the board alerting contractors of no-smoking in the hillsides. Chief Hogan will provide language.

b. Next EP Meeting: March 18, 2020 @ 7:00pm @ Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse @ 2760 Claray

15. Planning & Land Use – Bob 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 February 11, 2020 @ AJU

The Planning & Land Use Committee recommends that the BABCNC Board take the following action:

i. **UPDATE: 1471 SUMMITRIDGE AA-2019-4218-PMLA ENV-2019-4219-EAF CONTINUED**
A PROPOSED PARCEL MAP TO SUBDIVIDE ONE LOT INTO 4 PARCELS Applicant: MEHDI FAFATY [TAG FRONT INC] Representative: NEILL BROWER [JMBM LLP]

ii. **UPDATE: 9477 W LLOYDCREST DR 90210 ZA-2019-4550-ZAD**

Applicant: RICHARD EISEN [JUICE BAR TRUST]

Representative: ALEXANDER VAN GAALEN, Crest Real Estate Following BABCNC board vote 01/22/2020, for Conditional Approval based on satisfactory review of additional information, the PLU Committee was provided additional information, including soils report and information to determine if an additional retaining wall is needed along Lindacrest Drive. **02/11/2020 PLU Committee Motion:**

To approve with recommended conditions of approval, requiring 1) the applicant remove any and all debris or sloughage regularly from their property onto public streets & 2) that they maintain existing garden wall comprised of railroad ties on Lindacrest. Moved by Jamie; seconded by Cathy. 11 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Don; passed.

- Stephanie gave update and related that there is no need for additional vote as this was approved with conditions, and now further conditions have been given.

b. Next PLU Committee Meeting: Tuesday March 10, 2020 @ 7:00pm @ AJU “Boardroom”

16. Bylaws, Standing Rules & Elections Committee – Leisten, Chair + Wayne, Schlesinger, Hall, Smith, Evans, Farber, Greenberg & Bayliss

a. Update/Report by Chair: On February 3, 2020 the Bylaws Committee met jointly with the Executive Committee @ Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse. Larry reported having participated in Election Workgroup with Clerk’s office on how to remedy problems with the NC elections. Larry sent an email to the board with Proposed Revisions to 2018 Bylaws which he discussed in detail. Discussion included but was not limited to:

- ARTICLE IV Stakeholder Definition: Larry recently learned of discussion among City Council to provide ability of NCs to include individuals of not less than 16 years of age to vote, and therefore included within Stakeholder definition.

- ARTICLE V Section 1 Composition: Board Size: Executive Committee Recommendation: to increase additional seat to represent North of Sunset District.

- Residential Stakeholder Group Alternates: Larry discussed Elected and Selected Seats & Representing More than One Seat. Executive Committee Recommendation: No utility Alternates. Larry noted that that an individual should go out and find someone they trust, and Robin can have them nominated and we can vote for alternates.

- Biennial Survey: Executive Committee Recommendation: To remove this from the Bylaws, and establish, as needed, an ad hoc committee with specific task of ascertaining number of residential units within defined areas within BABCNC territory.

- **Quorum: Executive Committee Recommendation:** To leave present quorum figure at 15. Committee quorum can be addressed in the Standing Rules.
- Section 5: **Duties & Powers Duty of Non-Elected Residential Group Stakeholders**
- Section 7: **Absences:** Present language in Bylaws requires each Board Member to attend at least one Meeting each quarter [Philip returned to the table at 8:22 pm.] - **Executive Committee recommended procedure:**
- **Not An Absence:** Having Alternate attend Meeting as proxy for absentee Board Member or having absence noted as an “Excused Absence” will not constitute Absence. Communicate absences with Cathy and communicate with Alternate if any.
- **Definition of Excused Absences.** Excused Absences shall include absences for which Member has exigent circumstances requiring him or her to be present at a place other than a regularly scheduled Meeting, to include, but not limited to: Personal medical emergency or illness; Immediate family emergency or illness; Other urgent matter outweighs duty to attend Meeting.
- ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS Section 1 – Officers of the Board **Executive Committee Recommendation:** Deferred to Cmte.
- ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES & THEIR DUTIES New Section 4: **Meetings at Which No Action is Taken: Executive Committee Recommendation.** That new section 4 be added to Article VII relieving committee chairs of duty to produce minutes of committee meetings at which no action is taken.
- Lastly, he recommends requirement that board meets at least 1-2 x/year twice in the eastern portion of the territory.

17. Outreach Committee – Ellen Evans, Chair + Greenberg, Miner, Smith & Stojka

- a. Update/Report by Chair:** On February 10, 2020 the Committee met @ the Bel Air Association office.
- Ellen created and sent the first BABCNC newsletter.
 - She has built into the templates space for news items from committees. She would like to see more CISs.
 - She asks committee chairs for 1) news & 2) to review webpage of your committee & let her know how it should look.
 - She mentioned recently well-attended and well-organized CD4 candidate debate town hall which we participated in.
 - She made a poster of the map of territory which she took to the CD4 debate and is having a retractable banner made.
 - Jamie related that LCA sends one or two emails a week and they have 1,600 people on their email lists. He would like a “BABCNC Corner.” He will work on providing enhanced notification in terms of land use projects and Ellen will post land use agenda on Nextdoor. Chuck noted that this is a great outreach; more board representatives can do this.
 - Philip led the board in appreciation of Ellen for her newsletter.

The Outreach Committee recommends that the BABCNC Board take the following actions:

- i. Motion:** To authorize expenditure of \$100 on a targeted social media campaign to build our list.
Moved by Ellen; seconded by Marcia; 23/0/0; passed
- ii. Motion:** To authorize expenditure retroactively and reimbursement to Ellen Evans of \$55.56 for 24x36” Foam board @ \$25.75 + Shipping @ \$24.99 + Sales Tax \$4.82 for map of BABCNC territory.
(Attachment D) Moved by Ellen; seconded by Marcia; 23/0/0; passed

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

- a. Update/Report by Chair – None**

19. Traffic Committee – Irene Sandler, Chair + Greenberg, Leisten, Smith, Stojka, Morris, Sroloff, Levinson, Weisberg, Templeton, Murphy, Paige & Pierson

- a. Update/Report by Chair: Traffic Committee met Thurs. Feb. 13, 2020 at Bel Air Crest Clubhouse**

The Traffic Committee recommends that the BABCNC Board take the following action:

- i. Discussion & Motion:** Support CM Ryu’s letter, written to the Board of Airport Commissioners at LAX, sending strong support for establishing a voluntary nighttime curfew at Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Moved at committee by Patricia; seconded by André; 6/0/0; passed.
Moved by Irene; seconded by Philip; 23/0/0 passed
- ii. Discussion & Possible Motion:** To write a letter to the Southern SFV Airport Noise Task Force requesting their strong encouragement to the FAA to find and implement quickly, a short-term relief measure for the air noise problem. Moved by Irene; seconded by Cathy; 23/0/0; passed

Other traffic/transportation-related discussion:

- Philip gave update on the BABCNC’s relationship with Waze.
- Irene noted that we are not trained and would like a training session in this. Philip would be happy to meet on a Friday when he has no class. Board members interested in this signed a sheet. Others please email Cathy.

- Philip has already registered the upcoming road closures for the Sunset Plaza work in the interactive app.
- Jamie thanked Philip for this and for his work as a youth representative on this board.
- Jamie related that Next Gen Metro is overhauling the bus system. The only bus line over Laurel Canyon, #218, will be discontinued as it is reportedly underutilized. Jamie's association will work w/Metro on this.

b. Next Traffic Committee TBD

20. Public Works and Telecommunications Committee – Marcia Hobbs, Chair + Miner, Mann, Farber

- a. Update/Report by Chair – None**

21. Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues – Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair + Hall, Savage, Smith, Evans, Morris, Levinson & Stojka

- a. Update/Report by Chair:** On February 17, 2020 the Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues met @ BAA office.
- The Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues recommends BABCNC Board take the following actions:

- i. Motion** To write a letter supporting the resolution proposed by Councilpersons Koretz & Ryu to include in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT or SPONSORSHIP of legislation and/or administrative action to amend state law and end the issuance of depredation permits for mountain lions and establish an indemnity fund to reimburse any affected individual who loses an animal to a mountain lion. Furthermore, to emphasize the need to support the listing of the Southern California/Coastal Mountain Lions as an "evolutionary significant unit" that is threatened. **(Attachment E) Council File #20-0002-S20** State Law Amendment / End Issuance of Depredation Permits for Mountain Lions / Establishment of Indemnity Fund / Individuals Affected by Animal Loss to Mountain Lions <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0002-S20> See Resolution: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0002-s20_reso_02-11-2020.pdf Moved by Mindy; seconded by Marcia; Travis noted typo in motion in the agenda, which should be depredation. 22/0/0; passed

- ii. Motion:** To update the CIS to urge the Planning Department to implement the Wildlife Pilot Study as soon as possible. **(Attachment F) See Wildlife Corridors Council File: #14-0518** <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-0518> Original Motion http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-0518_mot_04-23-14.pdf Original BABCNC CIS: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-0518_cis_7-28-14.pdf Moved by Mindy; seconded by Bob; 23/0/0; passed

- iii. Motion** To authorize a letter to City Council, Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee urging consideration of the Protected Tree Ordinance / Strengthened Enforcement **(Attachment G) See Council File #03-1459-S3** <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=03-1459-S3> **And See Council File # 03-1339 RE: Adding Mexican Elderberry & Toyon** <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=13-1339> **Motion:** Jamie noted the adding of Mexican Elderberry and Toyon have held this up and he would like to send a letter that the city hold a hearing and move the ordinance forward to adoption. Moved by Jamie; seconded by Cathy; 23/0/0; passed

- iv. Motion** Support Ban of Single-Use Plastic Water Bottles **(Attachment H) CF 19-0480-S1** <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0480-S1> Original Motion: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0480-S1_mot_06-11-2019.pdf
 - Larry believes this begins in Sacramento with state representatives.
 - Don noted potential complications and would like to see people interested in this to seek further information: Who is going to pay for cost of filling stations and excess water outside a meter system? Will they have cooperation from DWP? Ed Cain opined this has to be looked at comprehensively.
 - It was then noted that these concerns are addressed in the motion in the council file.

Moved by Mindy; seconded by Cathy; 18 yes; 3 opposed; 2 abstained; passed

Re-wording the motion: To support the city council motion to work on banning single-use plastic water bottles at municipal locations. Moved by Ellen. Jamie would say that we support the evaluation of the ban of single-use. Travis will vote for the motion; the city is going to do this; encourage us to move away from single use at municipal locations.

b. Next Committee Meeting: TBD

22. **Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinance Enforcement – Evans & Savage**
Co-Chairs + *Maureen Levinson (BAA); Samantha Cannon (Coldwater Cyn.), Marlena Doktorczyk-Donahue (RoBG), and Stella Grey, Darby Manning & James “Jim” Murray (North of Sunset District)*
a. Update/Report by Chair – **None**

New Business: Items #23-30 were deferred due to time constraints

23. Presentation of Liaison Duties and Responsibilities for DONE & BABCNC Liaison Positions – Evans
24. Appointments of BABCNC–Established City Department Liaisons – Ellen Evans
25. Appointments of DONE–Established Liaisons (Unfilled as of yet)
26. Appointment of Alternate for the CLA Housing Update Element Task Force

Reports from Liaisons

27. Reports from DONE–Established Liaisons:
28. Report from Budget Advocate – Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Budget Advocate
29. Report from WLA C-PAB Representative – Robert A. Ringler, C-PAB Co-Chair
30. Good of the Order & Reports of Board Representatives
31. Adjournment : 9:05 pm adjourned

Next Board Meeting: March 25, 2020 @ 7:00 pm @ AJU #223 /

Guest Speakers: Public Works’ President Kevin James & Adel Hagekhalil, DPW’s Bureau of Street Services

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