



**Virtual Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday August 26, 2020 7:00pm – 9:00pm**

**To Join Zoom Meeting Dial (669) 900-6833 – Webinar ID: 969 7057 6271**

- In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely telephonically.
- Members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting or participate in public comment to the Neighborhood Council must dial (669) 900-6833 enter Webinar ID: 969 7057 6271 and then press # to join meeting. Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting.
- **Public Comment:** The public is welcome to speak. When the Board considers agenda item “Public Comments,” the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Board’s jurisdiction. Public comment is limited to one minute per speaker unless waived by presiding officer. Please note, under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, issues raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting.
- **The public is requested to dial \*9, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item.** Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period.

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call (Quorum 15)– Robin Greenberg**

**2. Motion: Approval of **August 26, 2020 AGENDA** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)**

**3. Motion: Approval of **July 22, 2020 Meeting MINUTES (Attachment A)****

**4. Public Comments: BABCNC welcomes comment on any topic not on adopted agenda, within the Board’s jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to one minute unless waived by President.**

**5. Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies**

- a) Janet Turner, Representative for California’s 33rd District Congressman, Ted Lieu
- b) Allison Towle, Representative for California 26<sup>th</sup> Senate District Senator, Ben Allen
- c) Erin Seinfeld, Representative for 3<sup>rd</sup> District County Supervisor, Sheila Kuehl
- d) Brad Fingard (covering for Madelynn Taras on sabbatical) Representative for CD4 Council Member David Ryu
- e) Jarrett Thompson, Representative for CD5 Council Member Paul Koretz

**6. Reports of Officers**

- a) President – Robin Greenberg: Reports of Committee Chairs & Government Reps are 2 minutes each.
- b) Vice President of Operations – Ellen Evans
- c) Vice President of Legislative Affairs – Jamie Hall
- d) Secretary – Robert Ringler
- e) Treasurer – Jacqueline Le Kennedy **(Update, Discussion & Possible Action)**
  - i. **Motion:** Approval of July 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) **(Attachment B)**
  - ii. **Motion:** Approve Web Corner’s Contract to submit to Funding **(Attachment C)**
- f) Assistant Treasurer – Nickie Miner

**Appointments (Discussion & Possible Action)**

**7. Alternate for North of Sunset: Appointment of Barbara Dawson as Alternate for North of Sunset seat.**

8. **Alternate Signer:** Appointment of Assistant Treasurer and Budget & Finance Committee Chair, Nickie Miner, to be “Alternate Signer,” to allow her more access to the funding portal to assist Treasurer and Second Signer. Financial Officer Training requirement for this position has been met. *(Roll Call Vote & signed Amended Letter of Acknowledgement)*
9. **Community Impact Statement (CIS) Filers:** Appointment of Robin Greenberg, Travis Longcore, Jamie Hall, Larry Leisten and Ellen Evans as CIS Filers.
10. **Data Liaison(s):** From the City’s Office of Community Engagement/ Innovation, once trained, Data Liaisons will be able to understand the organization of Open Data at the City of Los Angeles, use ArcGIS online (mapping tool) in order to create maps, adding, joining, enriching and filtering layers, using Living Atlas, Community Survey123 and create Web apps, create data visualizations for NC communication channels. A liaison can be a non-board-member stakeholder.
11. **Discussion and Possible Motion to Establish Public Safety Liaison Position & Appoint Public Safety Liaison(s):**  
To establish a Public Safety Liaison position. Liaison will report to Board on best practices regarding municipal and penal code enforcement, crime prevention, and community policing tactics. Liaison will be responsible for maintaining formal relationships with the Los Angeles Police Department and federal as well as county law enforcement agencies, consider issues with pending legislation and regulatory policies in state and local settings, including but not limited to, California State Assembly and Senate, Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners, and Los Angeles County Civilian Oversight Commission.

**Reports of Standing Committees (Discussion, Possible Action, Letter &/or CIS Submission)**

12. **Executive Committee** -- Robin Greenberg, Chair + Ellen Evans, Vice President Operations, Jamie Hall, Vice President Legislative Affairs, Robert Ringler, Secretary, Jacqueline Kennedy, Treasurer; Nickie Miner, Assistant Treasurer; **Chairs:** Larry Leisten, Robert Schlesinger, Stephanie Savage, Chuck Maginnis, Ellen Evans, Irene Sandler & Patricia Murphy
  - a) **Update/Report by Chair: On Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup> the Executive Committee met on Zoom.**
13. **Planning & Land Use Committee** –Robert (Bob) Schlesinger, Chair & Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair + Robin Greenberg, Nickie Miner, Don Loze, Jamie Hall, Jason Spradlin, André Stojka, Yves Mieszala, Cathy Wayne, Wendy Morris, Shawn Bayliss, Maureen Levinson, Leslie Weisberg & Stella Grey
  - a) **Update/Report by Chair: On Tuesday August 11, 2020, the PLU Committee met on Zoom, and the following actions were recommended to the BABCNC board:**
    - i. **Housing Bills Opposition: Motion:** To draft a letter/CIS opposing certain housing bills pending in the California Assembly and Senate on the grounds that increased density in very high fire hazard severity zones without concomitant improvements in infrastructure poses an undue risk to public health, safety and welfare. Further, many of the developments that the legislation would facilitate in hillside communities would result in the permanent loss of native habitat necessary for the survival of flora and fauna and accelerates climate change. Moreover, passage of such legislation is premature because past housing measures have yet to be fully implemented. Legislation to be opposed on these grounds includes Senate Bill 1120, Senate Bill 902 and Assembly Bill 3040. Moved by Jamie; seconded by Bob; 13/0/0; passed.
    - ii. **Ministerial Permit Reform: Motion:** To draft a letter to Councilman Ryu and Koretz asking them to initiate reform of the appeal process related to ministerial permits issued by the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety and Department of Public Works. Currently the Department of Public Works does not even have an appeal process for permits/clearances that are issued which makes it extremely difficult (if not impossible) for citizens to get errors corrected when they are made. Moreover, BABCNC calls for more transparency and input in the appointment of commissioners to the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners. Further, the City should consider creating an ombudsman to oversee activity at the LADBS and/or Department of Public Works. Moved by Jamie; seconded by Robert; 12/0/0; passed.
  - b) **From the May 19, 2020 PLU Meeting: Discussion & Possible Motion:** That the BABCNC write a letter to support the CEQA Appeal filed by Laurel Canyon Association for 8144 & 8148 Gould, passed in committee by 12/0/0.
14. **Outreach Committee** – Ellen Evans, Chair + R. Greenberg, N. Miner, M. Smith, A. Stojka, H. Roy & M. Mann
  - a) **Update/Report by Chair: On August 12, 2020, Committee met on Zoom and recommended by a vote of 4/0/0:**

- i. **Report:** Outreach Committee mission statement was adopted: Our mission is to increase awareness of the Neighborhood Council System as the go-to place for our stakeholders' interaction with the City and to promote individual engagement in the community.
  - ii. **Discussion & Possible Motion: To live stream Zoom board meetings on Facebook**
  - iii. **Discussion & Possible Funding Motion: To Approve Pole Banners Permit Renewal for Another Year, February 2021-2022** – Permit Processing \$250.00; Service Call \$495.00 Subtotal: \$745.00; Tax (9.5%) \$23.75; **Total \$768.75**; QTE273789 expires 09/20/2020 (Attachment D)
  - iv. **Discussion & Possible Funding Motion: To Procure Additional Lawn Signs and Stands** with BABCNC logo reminding people about social distancing and masks (**50 at \$472.07**, including tax and shipping). (Attachment E)
- b) **Discussion & Possible Motion RE: Blood Drive Event with Cedars-Sinai:** BABCNC to Co-Host with Bel Air Association a Community Mobile Blood Drive by Cedars-Sinai on September 13, 2020 @ Bel Air Association parking lot at 100 Bel Air Road (Requires Board Action Certification to approve event & event form) (Attachment F)

15. **Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee** – Larry Leisten, Chair + Cathy Wayne, Robert Schlesinger, Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Shawn Bayliss, Ellen Evans, Robin Greenberg, Maureen Smith & Nickie Miner

a) **Update/Report by Chair**

**Discussion, Possible Motion & CIS Submission RE: Vote by Mail Only Proposed by City Clerk for NC Elections: Motion:** The Board of the BABCNC The Board of the BABCNC opposes the Clerk's proposal to conduct the 2021 NC Election entirely Vote-By-Mail, and requests the City Council to require the Clerk to provide the At-Poll Voting option to those NCs who desire such option. (Full Motion: Attachment G)

- Council File # 20-0963 Title: Neighborhood Council Elections / Fiscal Year 2020-21 / COVID-19 Pandemic

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0963>

Clerk's Report: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0963\\_rpt\\_CLK\\_08-03-2020.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0963_rpt_CLK_08-03-2020.pdf)

16. **Budget & Finance Committee** – Nickie Miner, Chair + J. Kennedy, R. Greenberg, H. Roy, C. Wayne & K. Holmes

a) **Update/Report by Chair:** The following NPG was approved at the 05/22/2020 meeting; however, per Funding, application had a 07/01/2020 completion date, pushing it into new Fiscal Year and is being brought back now.

b) **Re-Vote on CLAW NPG, With A New BAC in the 2020-2021 FY**

**Motion:** Approve NPG from 501(c)(3), Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW), submitted by Co-Director, Tony Tucci, to purchase two (2) Bushnell 30 MP Core Trail Cameras with SD Card and two (2) security boxes for purpose of documenting open space/wildlife in their habitat in Los Angeles, replacing two cameras in Bel Air-Beverly Crest region. **Requested of NC: Personnel Related \$0 Non-Personnel Related: \$532.54** (Attachment H)

17. **Emergency Preparedness Cmte.** Chuck Maginnis, Chair + Robin Greenberg, Dan Palmer, Irene Sandler, Robert Schlesinger, Maureen Smith, Jacqueline Kennedy, Luisa Bottari, Maureen Levinson, Ron Cornell, Hildreth Simmons & Rob Farber

18. **Traffic Committee** Irene Sandler, Chair + Robin Greenberg, Larry Leisten, Maureen Smith, André Stojka, Robert Schlesinger, Wendy Morris, Gail Sroloff, Philip Enderwood, Maureen Levinson, Leslie Weisberg, Patricia Templeton, Pamela Pierson & Joyce Paige

19. **Public Works and Telecommunications Committee** – Patricia Murphy, Chair + Marcia Hobbs, Nickie Miner, Mindy Mann, Philip Enderwood, Jamie Hall & Larry Leisten

20. **Creation of new standing “Neighborhood Purpose Grant Committee”**

a) Seat Members & Chair

**Reports by Chairs of Ad Hoc Committees followed by Re-Seating of Members & Chairs of Each Committee**

21. **Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinance Enforcement** – Stephanie Savage & Ellen Evans, 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) **On August 13, 2020, the Committee met on Zoom**

22. **Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues** – Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair + Jamie Hall, Stephanie Savage, Maureen Smith, Ellen Evans, Wendy Morris, Maureen Levinson

23. **Ad-Hoc Committee regarding Continuing Teleconference Meetings after Safer-At-Home Order** – Jamie Hall, Nickie Miner and Wendy Morris

**New Business: (Discussion & Possible Action, Letter &/or CIS Submission)**

**24. Discussion & Possible Motion & CIS Submission Supporting 08/05/2020 Motion by 4<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember David Ryu to Add Penalties to the Loud and Unruly Gatherings Ordinance which concludes:**

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Building and Safety (DBS), Department of City Planning (DCP), Department of Water & Power (DWP), and the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) to form a working group to identify building, zoning, housing, and municipal code violations impacting community wellbeing and report back to the City Council outlining additional deterrence tools that can be adopted to remedy these violations, including but not limited to DWP shut-offs, Certificate of Occupancy holds or revocations, permit prohibitions on the same or related properties, and scorched earth penalties. I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to draft an ordinance based on the deterrence tools recommendations by DBS, DCP, DWP, and HCID that can be used to hold property owners accountable for parties hosted at their properties that violate the County Public Health Order and put public health at risk during this COVID-19 pandemic. These penalties should be in addition to those available under the Loud and Unruly Gatherings Ordinance. **(Full Council Member Motion: Attachment I)**

- Council File: 20-0975: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0975>

- Council File Title: Land Use Violations Deterrence / County Public Health Violations / COVID-19 Pandemic / DWP Shut-offs / Occupancy Holds or Revocations / Permit Prohibitions / Scorched Earth Penalties

**25. Discussion & Possible Motion & CIS Submission Supporting 05/19/2020 Motion by 4<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember David Ryu & seconded by Paul Koretz to establish an Office of Anticorruption and Transparency / Inspector General's Office which concludes:**

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to report back on best practices in other jurisdictions or agencies for the development, implementation, structure and operation of an independent auditors' investigators office (Office of Anti-Corruption and Transparency) to provide focused, independent and comprehensive oversight and monitoring of land use, development and construction processes and approvals in the City of Los Angeles. I FURTHER MOVE, that the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer and City Attorney, be instructed/requested to report back on the feasibility and with recommendations, including budget requirements, amendments Los Angeles Municipal Code Administrative Code and or City Charter for the creation of an independent auditors investigators office (Office of Anti-Corruption and Transparency), focused on land use, development and construction in the City of Los Angeles, tasked with identifying and preventing fraud, corruption, and misconduct, and with the authority to conduct investigations of all government entities, the ability to issue subpoenas, examine all city documents, contracts, and monetary expenditures, compel testimony from City employees and elected officials, and recommend administrative discipline and policy improvements. **(Full Council Member Motion: Attachment J)**

- Council File: 20-0608: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0608>

- Council File Title: Office of Anti-Corruption and Transparency / Independent Auditors and Investigators / Land Use Approval Oversight and Monitoring / Quid Pro Quo Activity

**26. Discussion & Possible Motion & CIS Submission Supporting 08/16/2020 Motion by 13<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember**

**Mitch O'Farrell on Council file 20-0002-S137:** (O'Farrell-Martinez) sent to Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee: Resolution (O'Farrell-Martinez) relative to including in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program its position on H.R. 8015, the Delivering for America Act, which prevents arbitrary changes to the United States Post Office functions. **(Full Council Member Motion: Attachment K)**

- CF 20-0002-S137 <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0002-S137>

- Council File Title H.R. 8015 (Maloney) / Delivering For America Act / United States Post Office / Mail and Parcel Timely Delivery / Preventing Obstructive Operational Changes

**27. Discussion & Possible Motion & CIS Submission Supporting 08/18/2020 Resolution by 5<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember**

**Paul Koretz on Council File 20-0002-S138:** (Koretz-Rodriguez) relative to including in the City's 2019-20 Federal Legislative Program its position on H.R. 7015 (Maloney) the Postal Preservation Act, and other actions which may be proposed to properly fund the United States Postal Service (USPS) and halt and/or reverse all managerial and operational changes; and on H.R. 2382 (DeFazio), the USPS Fairness Act, to relieve USPS of obligation to pre-fund a pension fund. **(Full Council Member Motion: Attachment L)**

- Council File: 20-0002-S138:

- <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0002-S138>

- CF Title: H.R. 7015 (Maloney) / Postal Preservation Act / H.R. 2382 (DeFazio) / USPS Fairness Act / United States Postal Service / Proper Funding / Postal Regulatory Commission / Pre-Fund Pension Fund Obligation Relief

28. **Discussion & Possible Motion To Approve Standing Rule Re Individual Member Activity – Don Loze**  
Whenever the Board or any of its Committees, Standing or Ad Hoc, takes a formal position on an issue by way of motion and majority vote, and subsequent to such action, a Member of the Board or Committee expresses a view on such issue to a third party, such as at a public meeting, before a private group (i.e., homeowner association), or to the media, that is contrary to the position taken by the Board or Committee, such Member shall notify the Board or Committee in writing within three (3) calendar days of such communication. If time is of the essence (i.e., subsequent action by public or private body or publication of news story) for a representative of the Board or Committee to inform such third party of its position on the matter, then such notice shall be immediate. Such Member may only express such contrary view when specifically qualifying such view as individual or personal, and not as a Member of the Board or Committee.
29. **Discussion & Possible Motion Re Limitations with Phone System for Citizen Response to City Council Motions & Ordinances.** There is very little notice, limited ability to discuss and make known thoughts to pertinent issues for our NC. Phone calls are dropped, citizens are not given a chance to speak, no advanced notice is given, and when given, time frames are limited for response and discussion. Citizens are not given ample time to respond. Additionally, "phone call only" is not sufficient to the democratic process. – Cathy Wayne
30. **Discussion & Possible Motion to send letters similar in content to those sent by Encino NC – Wendy Morris**  
1) Letter to the FAA from the Task Force supporting the recommendations sent to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) from the Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force (Task Force) to reduce airplane noise, and, 2) Letter supporting strengthening the Voluntary Quieter Nights Program (QNP) at Van Nuys Airport (VNY) and in support of the Van Nuys Citizens Advisory Council's (VNY CAC) that Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) immediately implement recommendations outlined in **Attachment M**. Letters to LAWA & FAA, Board of Directors of Burbank, Pasadena, Glendale and LAWA
31. **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) (Discussion & Possible Action, Letter or CIS Submission)**  
**a. Update/Report by Representative:** WRAC met on June 17, 2020 and recommended the BABCNC consider the following motions:
- i. **Discussion & Possible Motion:** BABCNC insists that Neighborhood Councils are not prohibited from communicating with non-City of Los Angeles government representatives and/or staff not with entities other than those within the City, regarding issues impacting their neighborhoods; and that Neighborhood Councils are free to discuss any issues of local concern. *[Motion passed unanimously in WRAC.]*
  - ii. **WRAC Membership Dues: Discussion & Possible Motion:** Support concept that each member organization contribute \$250 annually to cover WRAC expenses, including website design and hosting, event fees and other incidental operating expenses.
32. **Reports from BABCNC Representatives, Liaisons, Budget Advocate, Budget Representative**
33. **Good of the Order**
34. **Adjournment**

**Next Board Meeting Wednesday September 23, 2020 @ 7:00pm**

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