



AGENDA

Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Monthly Board Meeting (Virtual)

Wednesday February 24, 2021 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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1. **Call to Order & Roll Call** (Quorum 15) – Robin Greenberg
2. **Motion**: Approve February 24, 2021 Agenda (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
3. **Motion**: Approve January 27, 2021 Meeting & January 27, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A & A.i.**)
4. **Public Comments**: BABCNC welcomes comment on any topic not on adopted agenda, within the Board's jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to two minutes unless waived by President.
5. **Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies**
 - Guest Speaker Councilmember Kevin De Leon, Council District 14 (10 minutes including Q&A)
 - Guest Speaker DWP Power Expert Re Outages in Bel Air 12/30 & 01/11 (5 minutes including Q&A)
 - CD5 Jarrett Thompson, Deputy Representative for Councilmember Paul Koretz (1 minute)
 - CD4 Rachel Fox, Deputy Representative for Councilmember Nithya Raman (1 minute)
 - LAPD Officer Luis Flores Hollywood Station SLO for 2 more months (213) 810-6179 (1 minute)
6. **Reports of Officers**
 - a) President – Robin Greenberg
 - 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)
Motion: Approval of January 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachment B**)
 - f) Assistant Treasurer – Nickie Miner
7. **Filling of Board Vacancy on an Interim Basis**:
 - Call for interested individual to fill a Board seat on an interim basis to fill the vacancy created by Marcia Hobbs who resigned her At-Large seat.
 - The position will terminate by the June 8th Board election.
 - Requirement is that individual seeking seat does not run for the seat in the June 8th election.
 - Interested individuals will be asked to introduce themselves to the Board at the March meeting.
 - The Board will fill the seat at its March Meeting.
 - Stakeholder must not have filed as a candidate for a public seat.
8. **Filling of Treasurer Position on the Board**: Appoint Assistant Treasurer, Nickie Miner, as Treasurer, following resignation from Treasurer position by Jacqueline Le Kennedy.

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

9. **Executive Committee** -- Robin Greenberg, Chair
 - a) Update/Report by Chair: The Executive Committee had a joint meeting with B&F Committee on Zoom, Thursday February 4th and recommended the following action:
 - i. **Discussion & Possible Motion**: Non-Board Member Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs shall:
 - o Complete Ethics Training, Complete Funding Training & Sign Code of Conduct
 - o Regularly Attend Board Meetings during existence of ad-hoc committee
 - b) **Discussion & Possible Motion** re providing G-Suite accounts to non-Board Members (*Discussed at Exec Cmte.*)

10. Budget & Finance Committee – Nickie Miner, Chair

- a) Update/Report by Chair: The B&F Committee had a joint meeting with the Executive Committee on Zoom Thursday February 4, 2021. The committee recommended the following actions to the Board
 - i. **Motion: To approve reallocation** of \$3,000 from Facilities (AJU) to Elections category toward the \$4,500 spent on elections mailers, leaving \$1,000 in Elections. (There was \$2,500 in Elections category.) (*Passed by 4-0-0*), and to **approve the Amended Budget** based on B&F Committee's approved motion. (**Attachment C**)
 - ii. **Motion:** To appoint Robinson Farber to be placed back on the Budget & Finance Committee.

11. Planning & Land Use Committee – Robert Schlesinger, Chair & Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair

- a) Update/Report by Chair: The PLUC had a meeting Tuesday February 9th and recommended the following actions:

- i. **1516 KINGS ROAD 90069 ZA-2019-6052-ZAA**

Project Description:

Entitlement Requests: OVER-IN-HEIGHT FENCE WITHIN THE FRONT YARD SETBACK

Applicant: LESTER KNISPEL [THE GARNET TRUST C/O BOULEVARD MANAGEMENT]

Representative: JOHN PARKER [PACIFIC CREST CONSULTANTS] Chris@pccla.com

Motion: To approve this project entitlement for the over-in-height fence within the front yard setback and, require that the applicant needs to provide assurance/proof that the wall is structurally sound, since this was neither permitted nor inspected. (*Passed in BABCNC PLUC by 6-2-3.*)

- ii. **Discussion & Possible Motion:** Discussion on the proposed 2021-22 State budget that is on Governor Newsom's desk. In that budget there is \$4.3 million dedicated to the creation of a "Housing Accountability Unit" (HAU) within the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in the 2021-22 Proposed Budget (see press conference dated January 8th, 2021).

The governor said: "Let me just make this clear to all my friends," Newsom said, "this is to monitor city council meetings. This is to monitor board of supervisors meetings, planning commission meetings. We're not going to wait for an article to be written to be proactive in terms of holding local government accountable to increasing housing production."

It will send teams into meetings of city councils, city boards of supervisors and local planning commissions to "monitor" whether they are behaving properly and successfully following the State's housing development mandates. JD Supra "Proposed California Budget Would Create Housing Accountability Unit and Add New Targeted CEQA Exemptions Focused on Housing"

<https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/proposed-california-budget-would-create-9623999/>

<http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/2021-22/pdf/GovernorsBudget/1000/2240.pdf>

The PLUC approved a motion that Maureen write a letter addressed to City Council in opposition to this budget allotment for board approval. (*Passed in BABCNC PLUC by 14-0-0.*) (**Attachment D**)

- iii. **Discussion & Possible Motion** – To approve a Letter to be sent to CD4, Planning and LADBS regarding the discovery of demolition, grading and (soon to be) construction of a new single family residence & ALQ at 1529 Skylark Lane 90069. The project is accessed by an unimproved private street and grading permit states 1953 CY (and states less than 1000CY). No haul route. Of additional concern, there was a project built at 1540 Skylark that applied for a ZAD (ZA-2015-366-ZAD) which was later withdrawn. In 2014, applications for haul route (2210 cy), demolition, grading and construction of a new single family residence was submitted, permits issued and Certificate of Occupancy issued in 2019 for 1540 Skylark. No completed ZA case for this new SFR.

1529 Skylark Lane 90069

<https://www.ladbsservices2.lacity.org/OnlineServices/PermitReport/PermitResultsbyPin?pin=147B169%20%20%20290>

1540 Skylark Lane 90069

<https://www.ladbsservices2.lacity.org/OnlineServices/PermitReport/PermitResultsbyPin?pin=147B169%20%20%2020499>

Representative: Tony Russo tony@crestrealestate.com

The PLUC approved having Stephanie write a letter for board approval (*Passed in PLUC by 14-0-0.*) (**Attachment E**)

- iv. **Discussion & Possible Motion to approve a Letter to CD4 & CD5, BBSC, CAO regarding basements and their impacts on grading, building height, fees.** The attached PDF of import/export chart shows increased grading activity since 2013. Much of the increase in grading results from building codes allowing RFA exempt basements on steep sites. The code requires that more than 60% of the perimeter walls be (mostly) underground, hence significant grading is required to achieve exempt RFA. Often applicants and plan check engineers miss the vertical measurement of the

basement floor for measuring the overall height of a house (examples - to be provided). Additional concerns are in regard to permit fees. The PLUC approved having Stephanie write a letter for board approval (*Passed by 14-0-0*) (**Attachment F & F.i.**)

v. **Discussion & Possible Motion for a Follow-up Community Impact Statement on CF-19-0046**

Council File Title: Developer Contribution Restrictions / City Elected Officials / Candidates for City Office

Council File Link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0046>

Motion: That the BABCNC Board submit a “Follow-up” CIS on CF-19-0046 regarding loopholes for timeframe on political donations. (*BABCNC submitted a CIS in July 2019, supporting then-CM Ryu’s motion prohibiting developer and contractor contributions to City-elected officials.*) The follow-up CIS would be to SUPPORT the Bonin/Raman motion that Council instruct City Attorney to AMEND Ordinance 186477, Section 6, to move up the operative date to include fundraising for the 2022 primary election. (*Passed in BABCNC PLUC by 14-0-0*)

Councilmembers’ Motion: https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2019/19-0046_mot_02-02-2021.pdf (**Attachment G**)

vi. **Discussion & Possible Motion Regarding CF 12-0460-S4**

Council File Title: Zoning Code / Reorganization of Administration Provisions (Processes & Procedures Ordinance) / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Amendment

- CF link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=12-0460-S4>

- Planning Commissioners Report: https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2012/12-0460-S4_misc_10-26-2018.pdf

- Please see council file for all attachments to this report dated October 26, 2018 as well as CISs therein.

Background: At the 02/09/2021 PLU meeting, the committee voted 14-0-0 to allow PLU Chairman to write and send a letter to Planner, Bonnie Kim, relative to the Proposed Amendment to the Processes and Procedures Ordinance in Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) which seeks to comprehensively reorganize administrative provisions of the Zoning Code and establish a new Article and Chapter of the LAMC. On 02/12/2021, PLU Chair submitted a letter for public comment on this ordinance by a February 15, 2021 deadline, prior to PLU or board review. Subsequently, City Planner Bonnie Kim responded with questions about items listed in the letter.

i. **Motion:** To consider rescinding letter dated February 9, 2021 (**Attachment H**)

ii. **Motion:** To consider approval of replacement letter and submission of a CIS if applicable (**Attachment H.i.**)

12. Outreach Committee – Ellen Evans, Chair

- a) Update/Report by Chair: The committee met on Zoom on Monday February 8, and recommended that the board take the following action:

Motion: To approve up to a \$500 social media promotion budget for the election, relating to three specific campaigns, approximately \$300 to candidate recruitment and \$200 for a ballot request awareness campaign.

13. Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee – Larry Leisten, Chair

- a) Update/Report by Chair

- b) Important Dates for NC Elections:

- Candidate Filing Period opens February 6 and closes March 23
- Vote by Mail Application (period stakeholders can request a ballot) opens April 9 & closes June 1
- Region 11 BABCNC Election Date is Tuesday June 8
- Ballot needs to be postmarked by Election Day and received within three business days thereafter.

- c) Schedule for Selection process and Scheduled Meet & Greet

- Selection Candidate Filing Period: March 6 – April 6
- Meet & Greet for Selected and Elected Seat Candidates – Prior to start of the April 28th Board Meeting
- Town Hall Selection – Prior to start of the May 26th Board Meeting

14. Public Works and Telecommunications Committee – Patricia Murphy, Chair

- a) Update/Report by Chair: Next meeting is on Friday February 26th at 12:30 pm.

15. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis, Chair

- a) Update/Report by Chair: The committee met on Zoom on Wednesday February 17th.

16. Traffic Committee – Irene Sandler, Chair

Update/Report by Chair: The committee met on Zoom on Tuesday February 2nd.

17. Neighborhood Purpose Grant Standing Committee

- a) Update/Report: Current members: Ellen Evans, André Stojka & Robin Greenberg

Reports by Chairs of Ad Hoc Committees (Discussion, Possible Action, Letter &/or CIS Submission)

18. Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinance Enforcement – Chair S. Savage/Vice Chair E. Evans

- a) Update/Report by Chair(s): On February 11th the Committee met on Zoom.

19. Ad Hoc Committee on Continuing Teleconference Meetings after Safer-At-Home Order – Jamie Hall, Chair

20. Ad Hoc Committee on LADBS Policies

- a) Update/Report by Chair(s): The committee met on Zoom on Wednesday February 17th.
Members: Stella Grey, Stephanie Savage, Robin Greenberg, Leslie Weisberg, Cathy Wayne, Shawn Bayliss, Robert Schlesinger, Gail Sroloff
- i. **Ratify** North of Sunset Alternate, Stella Grey, as Chair and Stephanie Savage, as Vice Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on LADBS Policies.
- ii. **Appoint to the Ad Hoc Committee on LADBS Policies**
- Barbara Dawson - stakeholder, North of Sunset
 - Michael Schweitzer - stakeholder, North of Sunset
 - Bobby Kwan - stakeholder, Laurel Canyon
 - Maureen Levinson - stakeholder, Bel Air

21. Nominate Chairpersons for the New Ad Hoc Committees

- Tree Removal and Notification - Members: Mindy Mann, Jamie Hall & Travis Longcore, Ph.D. (*full*)
- Film Permits and Content Houses - Members: Stella Grey & Ellen Evans
- Task Force on Redistricting – Members: Nickie Miner, Cathy Wayne & Ellen Evans

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

22. CF# 20-0600-S83 FY 2020-21 Budget / Los Angeles Police Department / Reinvest Funds for Impacted Communities

Council File: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0600-S83>

Discussion & Possible Motion: Consider the Mayor's request of a revised proposal from City Council that includes funding a pilot for a 24/7 unarmed crisis response program for those nonviolent calls & intervention and prevention workers to help de-escalate conflict in communities.

- Ensuring and reinforcing community engagement — by setting aside funding to pursue pilots with local organizations and other partners to address issues of racial justice and income inequality, along with community safety, equity, and reconciliation.
- Protecting jobs for the most vulnerable City employees faced with layoffs, particularly the beneficiaries of Targeted Local Hire — overwhelmingly workers of color, who fought hard through a history of institutional and structural barriers to seize new opportunities created by this program.
- Taking strong action to restore peace in neighborhoods that are weathering increases in violence, by accelerating and expanding intervention and prevention work.
- Piloting new, more immediately actionable ideas to reimagine policing and public safety — beginning with the funding of a 24-hour, unarmed crisis response program to dispatch mental health workers to certain nonviolent 911 calls that is moving forward next month.

Additional Information provided by Brad Fingard, Mayor Garcetti's West Area Representative:

Tentative Agreement with LA Police Protective League: Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) announced a tentative agreement between the City and the union that will protect hundreds of jobs for sworn LAPD officers, and provide savings to preserve critical City services during a pandemic that has created the worst economic crisis Los Angeles has ever faced. The tentative agreement with the LAPPL comes days after Mayor Garcetti and the City Council reached similar deals with the City's civilian employees and sworn firefighters, which have also averted layoffs and saved the City millions of dollars for the coming fiscal year. The tentative agreement is subject to a ratification vote of the full LAPPL membership, which is expected to occur shortly.

Committee Report relative to the reinvestment of funds from the Los Angeles Police Department budget to impacted communities. https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-0600-S83_rpt_bfc_12-7-20.pdf (**Attachment I**)

Mayor's Veto Letter: https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-0600-s83_rpt_MAYOR_12-21-20.pdf (**Attach I.i.**)

23. CARE+ Cleanups / COVID-19 Crisis / Homeless Encampments / Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0031> (**Attachment J**)

Discussion and Possible Motion: Consider Council File #21-0031 motion introduced by Councilmembers Bonin and Raman on January 12, 2021, which instructs the City Council to direct LA Sanitation to develop voluntary, service-based

protocols for CARE+ operations citywide. The protocols should include:

- Compliance with CDC guidelines regarding public health and encampments
- Regular, scheduled and well-publicized cleanings
- Offers by LASAN of services such as trash pick-up, bulky item pick-up, etc.
- Designation of areas where trash and waste can be placed for disposal and removal
- Use of community partners and ambassadors to conduct outreach and facilitation
- Provision of easy-ups or shade structures so people can temporarily relocate with their belongings during a cleaning
- Provision, through LASAN or partner agencies, of mobile showers, bathrooms, COVID-testing, tent exchange and distribution, food and water
- Hiring of unhoused residents to keep areas tidy between LASAN cleanings
- Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities.
- No use of law enforcement personnel

24. CF#20-0995 Short Term Rental Ordinances / Short Term Rental Companies / Implementation and Enforcement

Council File Link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0995>

Full Motion: https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-0995_mot_08-11-2020.pdf (Attachment K)

Motion: To submit a CIS to support or support if amended Blumenfeld/Ryu relative to having the City Attorney instruct the Department of City Planning, the Department of Building and Safety, and other relevant city agencies to report on the progress of implementing and enforcing the City's Short Term Rental ordinances and advise if more remedies are needed to ensure Short Term Rental companies and users abide by established law. (*Passed in the LA City PLUM 02/16/2021.*)

Whereas the current ordinance requires hosts to be primary residents and this is often fraudulently claimed and is easily "proved" by the required documents

Whereas the ordinance should require that any site that publishes listings or provides a means to reserve short-term rental must have a platform agreement, or hosts cannot list on that site

Whereas most homeowners insurance doesn't cover home sharing activities and this is especially a problem in very high fire hazard severity zones where partying visitors could start a fire

Whereas fines meted out have been at the extremely low end of what is allowed under the ordinance and there is no automatic communication of violations to Planning

Whereas the ordinance is meant to allow only primary residences to be utilized as home sharing facilities, and whereas neighbors frequently find that absentee owners and absentee renters are granted home-sharing permits, BABCNC suggests that means for proving primary residency be restricted further, particularly as follows: 1) Primary residence by owners can only be given to those homes recorded by the County Assessor as primary residences and 2) Landlord affidavits can only be used in conjunction with a method of confirmation by neighbors that the lessee resides in the home.

BABCNC therefore advises that Short Term Rental companies and users abide by established law and we recommend that greater enforcement of existing remedies are implemented by the City Attorney.

25. Discussion & Possible Motion: Send letter to the City Planning Commission and Planning Department RE: All vacant/excess lands owned by the city and its subsidiaries (such as the LADWP) to be designated Open Space. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority frequently purchase parcels of land as they become available to preserve open space. The zoning of the parcel, regardless of its zoning prior to the purchase, needs to be changed in all official records to Open Space.

26. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) (Discussion & Possible Action) – Robin Greenberg

Report by Rep: The following two motions were referred by WRAC from their Dec. 21st & Feb. 15th meetings:

a) **Discussion & Possible Motion Support Prioritizing School Re-openings:**

- i. Whereas schools provide "essential academic and social-emotional learning" environments, and a broader array of resources including "physical, mental health, and therapeutic services"¹
- ii. Whereas "school closures impede learning and compound inequities, disproportionately affecting disadvantaged children"² and particularly disadvantaged are students who are at a young age, have special needs, or are from underprivileged households;

- iii. Whereas many states and countries have successfully prioritized the opening of schools over businesses, instead of the other way around;
- iv. Whereas Federal, State and local governments can offer stipends, grants, and loans to businesses and employees who may be forced to close, however the same government bodies cannot offer redress to students for lost opportunities and benefits derived from education;
- v. Whereas “safe and consistently open schools are essential for many parents and guardians ... to reenter the workforce”¹ and forcing working parents into full time childcare is neither fair nor sustainable;
- vi. Whereas the health of all students, staff and teachers must be protected, the federal government and State of California must provide school districts with the resources needed for the safe reopening of schools and to contain outbreaks (should they occur) including the prioritization of school staff and teachers in vaccine distribution;
- vii. Therefore, the Board supports prioritizing the many efforts needed to safely reopen elementary schools and special-needs classes for the most vulnerable students in Los Angeles including, but not limited to, daily testing, vaccinations for all qualified students and staff, access to personal protective equipment and the necessary training and signed COVID protocol agreements.

¹[Levinson M, Cevik M, Lipsitch M. Reopening primary schools during the pandemic. New England Journal of Medicine. 2020 Sep 3;383:981-985.](#)

²[Armitage R, Nellums LB. Considering inequalities in the school closure response to COVID-19. The Lancet Global Health. 2020 May 1;8\(5\):e644.](#)

³[Ludvigsson JF. Children are unlikely to be the main drivers of the COVID-19 pandemic – a systematic review. Acta Paediatrica. 2020 May 19. \(Three references: Attachment L\)](#)

- b) **Discussion & Possible Motion:** To support position that there is a need for positive solutions to the state’s affordable housing crisis, specifically as it relates to workforce and low-to-moderate income housing. Solutions should involve legislation that 1) focuses on increasing the production and supply of truly affordable housing; 2) does not compromise public safety or the environment; and 3) respects principles of democracy, local land use control and self-determination of local governments to expand housing opportunities unique to their jurisdictions.
Therefore the BABCNC supports Senate Bill 15 (Portantino) and Senate Constitutional Amendment 2 (Allen/Wiener) as examples of positive legislation that forward the goal of achieving more affordable housing consistent with these principles. https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB15
- c) **Discussion and Possible Motion:** To appoint someone to the WRAC Homelessness Committee

27. Reports from BABCNC Representatives, Liaisons, Budget Advocate, Budget Representative & C-PAB Reps

28. **Motion:** To appoint Vadim Levotman as the BABCNC’s Hollywood C-PAB Representative. In September 2020, the BABCNC appointed Vadim as “Public Safety Liaison” for the Hollywood LAPD Station. Vadim is a CPA and serves as Treasurer of the Doheny Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Assn. He plans DSPNA’s activity on security issues.

29. **Save the Date: Next Congress of Neighbors Saturday September 25, 2021.** You can join the planning committee.

30. Good of the Order

31. Adjournment

Next Board Meeting Wednesday March 24th @ 7:00pm

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