



Minutes
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Monthly Board Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday February 24, 2021 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Present: 26 (Quorum 15)

Attachment “A”

2020/2021 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association		
<i>Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair</i>	X	
Bel Air Association		
<i>Gail Sroloff</i>	X	
Bel Air District		
<i>Mark Goodman, M.D.</i>		X
Bel Air Glen District		
<i>Larry Leisten, Bylaws, Rules & Elections Chair</i>	X	
Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA)		
<i>Robin Greenberg, Board President</i>	X	
<i>Wendy Morris</i>	X	
Bel Air Ridge HOA (Alternate is Ed Cain)		
<i>André Stojka</i>	X	
Benedict Canyon Association (BCA) (Alternate is Matt Post)		
<i>Robert (Bob) Schlesinger, PLUC Chair</i>	X	
<i>Donald Loze</i>	X	
<i>Nickie Miner, Asst. Treasurer, Budget & Finance Chair</i>	X	
<i>Mindy Rothstein Mann, Environmental Cmte. Chair</i>	X	
Casiano Estates Association		
<i>Robert Garfield, DDS</i>	X	

Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (Alternate is Rob Farber)		
<i>Jacqueline Le Kennedy (Treasurer)</i>	X	
Custodians of Open Space		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D., Parliamentarian</i>	X	
Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association (Alternate: Barbara Dawson)		
<i>Ellen Evans, VP Operations; Outreach Committee Chair</i>	X	
Faith-Based Organizations		
<i>Jackie DeFede</i>		X
Franklin-Coldwater District (Alternate is Steven Weinberg)		
<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) (Alternates: Anne Alexander & Kris Le Fan)		
<i>Jamie Hall, VP of Legislative Affairs</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, EP Committee Chair</i>	X	
<i>Marcia Hobbs' Vacant At-Large Seat</i>		X
<i>Shawn Bayliss</i>	X	

Member-at-Large / Youth Seat		
<i>Philip Enderwood, Public Safety Liaison</i>	X	
North of Sunset District (Alternates: Grey and Barbara Dawson)		
<i>Yves Mieszala</i>	X	
<i>Barbara Dawson Alternate for Patricia Murphy</i>	X	
Residents of Beverly Glen (RoBG)		
<i>Robert A. Ringler, Secretary (Present briefly / left after roll)</i>		X
<i>Dan Palmer</i>		X
Total:	25	7 absent & 1 vacant

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call** (Quorum 15) Robin Greenberg called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Robert Ringler called the roll with 24 present initially; Shawn arrived at 7:12pm; Barbara Dawson stepped in as Alternate for Patricia, Robert Ringler left after roll call, for a total of **25 present, 7 absent & 1 vacancy**
- 2. Motion:** Approve February 24, 2021 Agenda **Moved** by Robert; **seconded** by Larry. Larry sent an email with language for two motions on the agenda, regarding electing a non-board member as chair of an ad-hoc committee and regarding issuing Google Workspace Account to non-board members. **24 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved.**
- 3. Motion:** Approve **January 27, 2021 Meeting & January 27, 2021 Special Mtg. Minutes (Attachments A&A.i.)** **Moved** by Bob; **seconded** by Mindy; **23 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention:** Heather; **passed as written.**
- 4. Public Comments:**
 - Gail Sroloff brought to attention of Board article in a Cerritos newspaper of investigation of METRO CEO, LA County Supervisors and the Mayor.
- 5. Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies**
 - a) Guest Speaker Councilmember Kevin De Leon, Council District 14:**
 - Robin introduced Councilmember Kevin De Leon whom she has known for many years.
 - Councilmember De Leon has been on the City Council for four months now. He described his district, CD14, as “Ground Zero” for homelessness in the country; most of the homeless in Los Angeles are in his district.
 - He has introduced 9 motions with goals to build 25,000 homeless housing units by the year 2025.
 - They purchased two hotels through the Safe Project “Homekey” Program in his district, including El Sereno, to help the unhoused along Huntington Drive, San Marino. Increasingly single mothers and children are living on the streets. The Law Enforcement Task Force cannot stop problems including mental illness and illicit drugs.
 - He believes in providing buildings for value, e.g., prefab housing, preferably on government land, for programs such as Homekey; purchasing hotels/motels because of a lack of tourism; buying distressed physical assets; converting temporary to permanent; master-leasing vacancies all over the County, which he noted gives landlords a guaranteed stream of income.
 - He thanked Robin and noted that he is also available to speak on energy and climate change. Robin thanked and applauded him for his work. Questions were asked & answered. Contact: His Executive Assistant/Community Affairs Director is Sarah Palacios Sarah.palacios@lacity.org
 - b) Guest Speaker, Deborah Hong & Walter Rodriguez, DWP Power Expert Re Outages in Bel Air**
 - Robin mentioned that there was a water main break today. She introduced Deborah Hong. Deborah welcomed all to sign up for alerts (email or text) at www.ladwp.com/outages Contact info: Deborah.Hong@ladwp.com
 - Deborah introduced Walter Rodriguez who explained the power outages of December 30th & January 11th.
 - Walter noted that the outage of December 30th lasted approximately 5 hours, was above ground, relayed once and again and then locked out. They had to patrol the circuit to see what the cause was & sent five crews to patrol the circuit, and underground as well. No cause was found and they determined nothing else was there.
 - The January 11th outage was much larger, on Mulholland.

- The DWP had started "system hardening," with placement of new steel poles replacing wood ones, which hold up better against fire, etc. He described this outage as caused by "a bird strike" which occurred because the steel poles are conductive, and when the birds perch and take off, the flutter of their wings causes a relay. This caused the circuit to relay from station to station and took out other circuitry causing wire to come down and affect the under-build line. In addition, a sister circuit went out and caused other issues. It took up to eight hours and was a very complicated lengthy outage. They asked their crew to put "avian protection covering" in place, and are looking at construction standards to change things to create more distance for grounding and conductors.

- Q&A included but was not limited to comment from Dr. Longcore who explained that the term "a bird strike" is not the bird flying, it is that their wings connect to the circuit and that the bird didn't do anything wrong. He noted that "Avian Power Line Interaction" put out guidelines to remedy all of this in 1996; how to mitigate against electrocutions is not new. He was astounded that we have new poles susceptible to this. Walter responded that these alternative poles are new to them and they are following guidelines, including purchasing avian protection. Walter noted that these will be DWP's guidelines moving forward. He noted that they have also started a new committee for reporting outages on storms and will get better information to the public.

c) CD5 Jarrett Thompson, Deputy Rep. for Councilmember Paul Koretz: jarrett.thompson@lacity.org

- The DWP Trunk Line Project started Monday 02-22 for 550' of trunk line replacement, to last until August. It covers a very short section, Marymount Place to Udine Way. DWP has been working with neighbors concerned about tree removal. He noted that if any of you feel you are not getting enough info from DWP, let him know. <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56ec073207eaa0a2a5541c8f/t/602776fef50bd636c6410b24/1613199102951/Sunset+West+Trunk+Line+fact+sheet.pdf>

- Robin asked for the Councilmember's position regarding CARE+ Cleanups during the COVID crisis, to which Jarrett noted that the Councilmember is still vetting the motion and believes all things should be on the table. He wants to make sure that we are not putting unarmed people in harm's way.

- Jamie asked how to move forward Councilmember Koretz's motion on 30/30 for LA's remaining land and water for conservation purposes, and asked Jarrett to let us know offline what we can do to assist in getting it adopted.

- Chuck Maginnis thanked Jarrett for helping to get red flag signs up on Bel Air Road, with LADOT.

d) CD4 Rachel Fox, Deputy Representative for Councilmember Nithya Raman: rachel.fox@lacity.org

- Rachel has remained from David Ryu's office. She will be covering BABCNC in addition to HHWNC & Greater Toluca Lake NC, and other hillside communities, including but not limited to Silverlake and the Hollywood Hills.

- Councilmember Raman signed a letter with six other colleagues, including State reps, asking for assistance to fund Project RoomKey. She is working with Councilmembers Rodriguez, Bonin & DeLeon on a motion to establish a Youth Department for more strategic development & job training for youth, and has introduced a motion for more transparency from the Housing Authority. Let her know your concerns.

e) LAPD Officer Luis Flores, Hollywood Station SLO for two more months: Officer Flores invited us to reach out for anything we need. He noted that there is an increase in burglaries from motor vehicles and asked us to pass along to our communities to not leave visible items in your cars. Contact Info: **213- 810-6179** 39869@lapd.online

f) Octaviano Rios, with Department of Neighborhood Empowerment introduced himself as BABCNC's new Representative for the Department; no longer Julien. DONE is going through a second reorganization due to the epidemic & budget shortages. The quickest way to reach him is by email; octaviano.rios@lacity.org and give him a friendly nudge if you don't hear back. His supervisor is Thomas Soong.

- Larry asked about emails he received on setting up a strategy session. Octaviano credited Larry for his work as a Bylaws Chair and they will arrange a meeting.

g) Brad Fingard, West Area Representative for Mayor Garcetti: He mentioned recent delays in getting the COVID-19 vaccines out; however, is now optimistic that they'll see a steady increase in supply. He has access to disposable masks to distribute to community-based organizations. Let him know if you are part of a community based organization, e.g., food or homelessness services, let him know and he will set aside a box for you.

6. Reports of Officers (Deferred with exception of Treasurer's Report due to time constraints)

- 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)

Moved by Jacqueline; **seconded** by Larry; **17 yes; 0 no; 5 abstentions; 3 ineligible; 7 absent; 1 resigned; passed**

f) Assistant Treasurer – Nickie Miner

7. **Discussion on 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. Interested individuals will be asked to introduce themselves to the Board at the March meeting, when Board will fill the seat.

- Discussion was held on proposed requirements to fill this seat, including questioning issue of requirement that the individual not seek to run for a seat in the June 8th election. Larry noted that he had considered filling the seat with someone not running in June as a response to ethical standards from the city, to not to play any role in endorsing any one candidate over another. It was noted that we need to establish a procedure, emailing to make this vacancy public. It was noted that Robinson Farber and Maureen Levinson have each volunteered, and neither plan to run. Ellen knows someone who does plan to run. **No action taken**

8. **Motion: Filling of Treasurer Position on the Board:** Appoint Assistant Treasurer, Nickie Miner, as Treasurer Pro-Tempore following resignation from the Treasurer position by Jacqueline Le Kennedy. **Moved** by Jacqueline; **seconded** by Larry. The formal election of a new Treasurer would be the next time we elect all Board executive officers in July. Jacqueline is stepping down for an educational sabbatical to work on her doctorate. **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 3 ineligible; 7 absent; passed**

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:

Discussion & Possible Motion: Regarding Non-Board Member Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs (*Leisten*)

WHEREAS, it has been past policy Board that chairs of Standing Committees, nominated by the President and elected by the Board, be a Board Member;

WHEREAS, this policy has been inferred to carry over to the nomination and election of chairs upon Board establishment of Ad Hoc Committees;

WHEREAS, in recent years the Board has solicited and enlisted the volunteer services of valuable and well-qualified non-Member Stakeholders to undertake work of the Board and/or its committees, both Standing and Ad Hoc;

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary at times, when establishing an ad hoc committee, to appoint a qualified non-Board Member to chair the work of the ad hoc committee;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the BABCNC does here permit the nomination and election of a non-Board Member to chair an ad hoc committee subject to the following conditions:

- Prior to the first meeting of the newly established ad hoc committee, the elected chair shall:
 - Complete the City Ethics Training;
 - Completed the City Funding Training; &
 - Sign the City Code of Conduct; and,
 - Attend regular Board Meetings, and those of related Standing Committees, for the duration of existence of the ad hoc committee. **Moved** by Larry; **seconded** by André **26/0/0; passed**
- b) **Discussion & Possible Motion** re potentially granting Google Workplace account for non-board member (*Leisten*)
WHEREAS, each Board Member of the BABCNC is provided an email account with the babcnc.org domain as part of a Google Workspace account for purposes of using for all BABCNC related communications, sharing and collaborating work product of the BABCNC;
WHEREAS, all communications relating to business of the BABCNC is subject to the State's Public Records Act, and in the event of possible litigation, subpoena duces tecum (to produce documents), it is prudent business practice of the Board to provide certain non-Board Members conducting significant work of the BABCNC a similar email address and Google Workspace account so such work is performed within the same confines as work of Board Members;

WHEREAS, the cost to add an additional Google Workspace account is \$6.00 per month, or \$72 each fiscal year for an additional user;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the BABCNC does hereby authorize from time to time, the purchase of an addition a Google Workspace account for use by a non-Board Member subject to the following conditions:

- By separate motion Board will approve a Google Workspace account for a specifically named non-Board Member;
- The term of such account shall be to the end of the current fiscal year, and shall be renewed on an as-needed basis;
- Prior to purchase of Google Workspace account, the non-Board Member must complete City's Ethics Training and sign the City's Code of Conduct

Moved by Larry; **seconded** by Bob. **21 yes; 1 no; 0 abstentions; 2 ineligible; 9 absent; passed**

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.) and to approve the Amended Budget based on B&F Committee's approved motion. (**Attachment C**)

Moved by Jacqueline; **seconded** by André; **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 2 ineligible; 8 absent; passed**

- ii. **Motion**: To appoint Robinson Farber to be placed back on the Budget & Finance Committee.

Moved by Bob; **seconded** by **24 yes; 2 no**; Heather and Travis; **0 abstentions; passed.**

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**

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

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

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

PLU Committee 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.

- Chris Parker presented the request to the full board, noting that his client is an international celebrity who bought the property with an over-height fence. He has had stalkers and has been burglarized, and has had tour buses (prior to the pandemic). He increased the fence height for greater security.

- Ellen noted that DSPNA's PLU Committee wrote a letter asking the ZA that this not be approved, citing that the wall was added to, stands almost 11 feet tall, and is not in keeping with the character of the neighborhood.

- Jamie commented that regardless of whether there are permits or not, we do not contest it if there are similar over-height walls in close proximity to this site. Chris related that the owner didn't know that he wasn't allowed to have a bigger fence. He described various heights of fences in the area.

- Yves noted that this is hillside and the house across the street has a different elevation.

- Travis noted that across the street is a retaining wall with a fence, not all fence, and unless the height of the gates have been raised, he is not sure how it stops people from getting in.

Board Amendment to Motion: To strike the language in the motion and **replace the word "approve" with "oppose."** Travis **moved** and Ellen **seconded**. Jamie asked Chris if there are over-height walls in close proximity to the site, which has always been the determining factor for our committee, to which Chris replied, "yes."

Vote on Amendment: 23-0-1 Stephanie abstained; **passed.**

Motion as Amended: To **disapprove** project for the over-in-height fence **10 Yes**: Gail, Larry, Robin, Wendy, André, Mindy, Travis, Jamie, Ellen, Barbara; **4 No**: Nickie, Maureen, Don, Shawn; **10 Abstentions**: Heather, Stephanie, Bob, Irene, Philip, Chuck, Bob Garfield, Yves, Teresa, Jacqueline; **Passed by a majority of a quorum.**

- 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>

Motion: To approve letter Maureen Levinson has written addressed to City Council in opposition to this budget allotment for board approval. (**Attachment D**)

Moved by Nickie; **seconded** by Stephanie; **25 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed unanimously.**

- iii. **Discussion & Possible Motion:** To approve a letter written by Stephanie to CD4, Planning & 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 were 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%202499>

Representative: Tony Russo tony@crestrealestate.com (**Attachment E**)

Moved by Stephanie; **seconded** by Bob; **25 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed unanimously.**

- iv. **Discussion & Possible Motion:** To approve a letter written by Stephanie 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. (**Attachment F & F.i.**)

Moved by Stephanie; **seconded** by Nickie; **25 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed unanimously.**

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

Moved by Bob; **seconded** by Ellen; **25 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed unanimously.**

- 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/onlinedocs/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.
- Bob would have this item remanded back to the Land Use Committee; the former due date for public comment on the proposed ordinance was February 25th and is now March 25th. **No action taken**

12. Outreach Committee – Ellen Evans, Chair

- a) Report by Chair: The committee met on Zoom on 02/08 & recommended 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.
Moved by Ellen; **seconded** by Larry. **20 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention; 9 absences; 3 ineligible; passed.**
- b) Updates by Chair:
- Blood Drive is March 7th – pass it around to your stakeholder groups.
 - Ellen thanked everyone who helped with the newsletter. She is moving forward with election updates and asked board members to have your associations promote the election. She asked that board members send her a sentence or two about what's great about the NC and serving on the NC, to help recruit candidates.
 - Gail and Mindy volunteered to help with election promotion. Ellen gave update on social media responses.
 - She will start "selection" promotion next week.

13. Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee – Larry Leisten, Chair (Items #13 through #19 deferred due to time)

- a) Update/Report by Chair
- b) Important Dates for NC Elections:
- Candidate Filing Period 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

- a) 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 E. Evans / V. Chair S. Savage

- 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

Items i., ii. below were moved by Bob, **seconded** by Yves, **25-0-0; passed.**

- 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 - Mindy Mann, Jamie Hall & Travis Longcore, Ph.D. (*full*) **No one chosen**
- Film Permits and Content Houses - Stella Grey & Ellen Evans – **Ellen volunteered Stella as Chair**
- Task Force on Redistricting – Nickie Miner, Cathy Wayne & Ellen Evans – **Nickie volunteered to be Chair**

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 the pandemic. 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/onlinedocs/2020/20-0600-S83_rpt_bfc_12-7-20.pdf (Attachment I)

Mayor’s Veto Letter: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/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/onlinedocs/2020/20-0995_mot_08-11-2020.pdf (Attachment K) **Deferred**

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.

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

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

³Ludvigsson 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.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=20210220SB15

- 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.
Moved by Bob; **seconded** by Yves; **24 yes; 1 no; 0 abstentions; passed.**

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

30. Good of the Order

- a) Jamie related that 1) he had attended a Hollywood Community Plan Update hearing along with Robin, and that Councilmember Raman has agreed to add a paragraph to add vacant city-owned land to open space. He noted that we now we have to get staff to do that and update their draft map.
2) Jamie noted that The Board of Forestry, Statewide Regulations, mandate fire-safe roads. They have been around for 20 years but this never applied to incorporated cities such as LA. There is a new regulation going into effect in a few months that will extend to the VHFHS areas even in incorporated cities. If their rules are more restrictive than the city rules, their rules trump city rules. There are a handful of meetings; they will adopt 60-90 days emergency order; they are finalizing regulations; important that we be involved.
- b) Larry related that he was sorry that Patricia was not feeling well, but he won’t be available to attend the PWT Committee meeting, at that time, and asked if it could be postponed to a later time.
- c) Chuck recommended that we turn our attention to earthquakes, look at the minutes of his recent EP Committee presentation. He thanked Jacqueline for being on the EP committee.
- d) Irene noted that METRO has a big meeting tomorrow at 10:00 am, regarding the Cross Mountain Sepulveda Pass Project. Philip noted that the Item #41 of the Metro Board meeting has two private concepts for the official March 25th METRO board meeting.

- 31. Adjournment**: The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm with gratitude to Jacqueline for all the work she did as Treasurer, an appreciation for how she is always pursuing education and that we support her in all she does.

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

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