



Building A Better Community



**Minutes**  
**Wednesday April 28, 2021**  
**Meet & Greet to Meet Election & Selection Candidates: 6:00-7:00pm**  
**General Board Meeting: 7:00-9:00pm**

**Present: 28** (Quorum 15)

**Attachment "A"**

2020/2021 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<b>Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association</b>		
<i>Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air Association</b>		
<i>Gail Sroloff</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air District</b>		
<i>Mark Goodman, M.D.</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Bel Air Glen District</b>		
<i>Larry Leisten, Bylaws, Rules &amp; Elections Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA)</b>		
<i>Robin Greenberg, Board President</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Wendy Morris (arr. 7:16)</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air Ridge HOA (Alternate is Ed Cain)</b>		
<i>André Stojka</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Benedict Canyon Association (BCA) (Alternate is Matt Post)</b>		
<i>Robert (Bob) Schlesinger, PLUC Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Donald Loze</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Nickie Miner, Asst. Treasurer, Budget &amp; Finance Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Mindy Rothstein Mann, Environmental Cmte. Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Casiano Estates Association</b>		
<i>Robert Garfield, DDS</i>	<b>X</b>	

<b>Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts</b> (Alternate is Rob Farber)		
<i>Jacqueline Le Kennedy (Treasurer)</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Custodians of Open Space</b>		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D., Parliamentarian</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association</b> (Alternate is Barbara Dawson)		
<i>Ellen Evans, VP Operations; Outreach Committee Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Faith-Based Organizations</b>		
<i>Jackie DeFede</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Franklin-Coldwater District</b> (Alternate is Steven Weinberg)		
<i>Maureen Smith</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>K-6 Private Schools</b>		
<i>Teresa Lee</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>7-12 Private Schools</b>		
<i>Jon Wimbish</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Public Educational Institutions (K-12)</b>		
<i>Kristie Holmes</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Holmby Hills Association</b>		
<i>Jason Spradlin</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Laurel Canyon Association (LCA)</b> (Alternates are Anne Alexander & Kris Le Fan)		
<i>Jamie Hall, VP of Legislative Affairs</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Stephanie Savage, PLUC Vice Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Cathy Wayne</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Heather Roy</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Members-at-Large</b>		
<i>Chuck Maginnis, EP Committee Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Maureen Levinson (appointed 03-24-2021)</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Shawn Bayliss</i>	<b>X</b>	

<b>Member-at-Large / Youth Seat</b>		
<i>Philip Enderwood, Public Safety Liaison</i>	<b>X left @ 7:27pm</b>	
<b>North of Sunset District</b> (Alternates are Stella Grey and Barbara Dawson)		
<i>Yves Mieszala</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Barbara Dawson for Patricia Murphy</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Residents of Beverly Glen (RoBG)</b>		
<i>Robert A. Ringler, Secretary</i>	<b>X left 8:10pm</b>	
<i>Dan Palmer</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>

**Important Dates for BABCNC Elections & Selections**

- May 10<sup>th</sup> First date ballots are to be mailed to registered Stakeholders
- May 26<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Selection – prior to start of the Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- Vote by Mail Application (period stakeholders can request a ballot) closes June 1<sup>st</sup>
- June 8<sup>th</sup> Region 11 BABCNC Election Date is Tuesday June 8
- **Dropbox Location: Barrington Recreational Center 333 S. Barrington Ave., Los Angeles, CA**
- Mail-in Ballots needs to be postmarked by Election Day and received within 10 calendar days, by June 18<sup>th</sup>

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** (Quorum 15) – Following the Election & Selection Candidates Meet & Greet which was held from 6-7pm, Robin Greenberg called this meeting to order at 7:00pm. Robert Ringler called the roll with 26 present initially; Wendy arrived at 7:16 for a total of 28, Philip left at 7:27 & Robert Ringler left at 8:10 with 26 members remaining thereafter.
2. **Motion:** Approve April 28, 2021 AGENDA **Moved** by Robert R., **seconded** by Maureen L. **26-0-0 passed**
3. **Motion:** Approve March 24, 2021 Meeting MINUTES (**Attachment A**) **Moved** by Cathy, **seconded** by Larry amended motion to approve subject to minor redactions that he will give Cathy: **23 yes; 0 no; 3 Abstentions:** Maureen L, Stephanie & Yves. **Approved as amended.**
4. **Public Comments:** Mindy asked that committees that haven't met be able to give report.

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

**CD5 Jarrett Thompson, Deputy Representative for Councilmember Paul Koretz:**

- Sunset DWP Trunk Line Project by Marymount is going well; scheduled to finish in August.
- Resurfacing Roscomare will be completed early May or June, earlier than expected.
- Benedict Canyon Resurfacing will be done in Benedict Canyon at Liebe Drive to Portola Drive Saturday 05-15 & Sunday 05-16; avoid the area if possible.
- CM Koretz asked the Mayor to amend order to allow four hours (per shot) of COVID leave to get vaccinations.
- CD5 is launching a Homelessness Working Group. BABCNC Rep is Rob Farber. They try to bring community members to the table, have presentations and more people can get involved over time. Tomorrow is first meeting.

**CD4 Rachel Fox, Deputy Representative for Councilmember Nithya Raman:**

- Anti-harassment Ordinance is in the works; CM Raman asked for several amendments to reflect issues, e.g., tenant harassment, intimidation and cash buyouts; it will go back to City Attorney to be amended and back to City Council.
- Tenants Protections Clinic with CM Raman & Bet Tzedek: May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 4:30pm
- CM Raman will have a Conversation about Homelessness on May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm. Invites will be sent via newsletter tomorrow and questions can be submitted.
- Community Conversations are being launched re priorities on the Mayor's budget, e.g., restore pre-pandemic levels for concrete streets and tree trimming. Mulholland, between Wrightwood Drive & Laurel Canyon, is scheduled with BSS; they are awaiting BOE report for details on geotechnical repairs for that section. She'll let us know when finalized. If not this fiscal year, it will be done next FY. Asked, Rachel said she will do her best to have it done early in the FY.

- Dr. Travis Longcore asked Rachel about CM Raman's position on the Mayor zeroing out funding for the Wildlife Pilot Study and the Ordinance. He noted that CM Koretz has submitted a letter and asked if CM Raman has taken a position and written a letter. Rachel noted that thus far CM Raman has not yet done a letter but agrees that this is one of our concerns. Robin noted that there will be another opportunity to talk on it tomorrow at 9:00am.
- Jarrett noted best chance to speak at city webinars is to call in 5 minutes before & 5 minutes after start time.

### **Octaviano Rios, NEA, DONE:**

- Elections, Octaviano thanked us for providing answers and engaging actively with the elections;
- Funding Workshops: Annual FY Admin Package: May 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> & Funding System & Portal: May 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Important Funding Dates: May 20, 2021 - Final date to submit an Event Approval Request; June 1, 2021 - Final date to submit a check payment request; June 20, 2021 - Final date for any bank card transactions
- Proposed City Budget: He encouraged listening into the hearings or recordings.
- Digital Media Policy: BONC meets May 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to review final drafts of the digital media policy for NCs. Octaviano encourages attending or weighing in on the current policy. The draft is accessible online. Link is in our NC Monthly Profiles.
- Zoom: April 19<sup>th</sup> was the last update to the Zoom application. For every new update on your computer, you will get improvements for the meetings. The General Manager shared that we have successfully extended Zoom licenses for all NCs for another year at no cost as well as online resources for Rules of Order & Parliamentary Procedure. There is a wealth of trainings to check out.
- Virtual meetings. We may be able to meet in person in the future. A lot of folks love the virtual and if you feel you need to share that sentiment, send comments to the BONC. They actively receive your comments, good and bad, about virtual meetings. Let them know if you would like to see virtual continue, a hybrid or back to meeting only in person.

### **Janet Turner, Representative for Congressman Ted Lieu:**

- Good news for cyclists: The VA has removed all restrictions for pass-through recreation activities, e.g., biking, running and walking. No loitering and no picnicking will be allowed.
- American Rescue Plan highlights include \$10 billion to address homelessness, a great deal of help for small businesses. Go to [www.SBA.gov](http://www.SBA.gov) If anyone knows of someone who had a loved one who died of COVID, the plan is reimbursing up to \$9,000 for funeral costs at [www.FEMA.gov](http://www.FEMA.gov) with no financial qualification required. Any economic strata can apply. City got \$1.3 billion. County \$2.9 & LAUSD \$2.9 billion.

## **6. Reports of Officers**

- President – Robin Greenberg** expressed how proud she is of all the candidates running who came tonight, noting that we are so lucky that they want to be a part of us and that they will make the NC better.
- Vice President of Operations – Ellen Evans** provided information on how to get ballots for the election, the paper ballot and the one online. She would encourage everyone and stakeholders in your areas to find this information online at [www.Tiny.cc/17steps](http://www.Tiny.cc/17steps) Gail Sroloff related that she was able to apply online and if you get stuck and call the City Clerk, someone will answer and help you. She is concerned about possible low turnout as it is not an easy system to navigate. She thanked Ellen for all she has done on this.
- Vice President of Legislative Affairs – Jamie Hall** gave update on Planning Director, Vince Bertoni's Mulholland Scenic Design Review Implementation Memo, which removes the requirement for public hearings for projects deemed "nonvisible" *in that area*. Appeals were filed and all were rejected. The Planning Director's decision is final and not appealable. One of the bases for removing the public hearing component for nonvisible projects was that the Mulholland Specific Plan was really old, and we have new regulations that will serve the purpose amply and we don't need public hearings requirements anymore. The Director specifically mentioned the Wildlife Corridor Pilot program, which was about to get started, and yet Mayor Garcetti just announced he wants to cut all funding for that pilot study. He noted that Robin sent the email from Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife encouraging calling in to the subcommittee tomorrow to voice objections to cutting funding for this critical program.
  - Ellen noted that there was a council action by the Planning Department asking for money for a biologist.
  - Jamie continued that the pilot program affects this neighborhood council territory the most.

*[Philip left at 7:27pm.]*

d) Secretary – Robert Ringler: Bimonthly Police Advisory Board Meetings at WLA are going monthly. Next May 12<sup>th</sup>.

e) Treasurer – Nickie Miner: (Update, Discussion & Possible Action)

i. **Deadlines as we approach end of the Fiscal Year:**

May 20, 2021 - Final date to submit an Event Approval Request

June 1, 2021 - Final date to submit a check payment request

June 20, 2021 - Final date for any bank card transactions

ii. **Motion:** Approval of March 2021 MER (**Attachment B**) **moved by Robin, seconded, 21-0-5 passed**

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

**7. Bylaws, Rules & Elections – Larry Leisten, Chair**

a) Update/Report by Chair: The BRE Committee met on Zoom on 04/08 & 04/19; & Meet & Greet protocol.

- Larry noted that the City Clerk's office is a week behind reviewing applications for our NC elections. We'll get them next week. The first date by which ballots can be mailed is May 10<sup>th</sup>. Nathan said if approved, you'll be emailed. It is not known what ballots you will get; you'll have a link to see what ballot you'll be getting in the mail.

- Ellen noted that we will follow up after ballots are mailed.

- Larry reported that committee discussed a list of rules & procedures presented by Robin for board adoption, next month. Part of it is to update the BABCNC Code of Civility, adopted in 2012, prior to the city's code of conduct that is now mandatory. When the Board adopts it, it will be automatically incorporated into the bylaws.

- As to the new Board Seating Policy, there is no need for a board action as the board approved the current city policy. They couldn't impose the new policy this year, as some NC bylaws state when new board is seated.

- Mindy asked what to assume if you submitted an application online and provided all the information and have not heard back after two or three weeks, and, does she need to fill out the newer form. Larry thinks it is reasonable for all stakeholders to submit applications early in the process. He noted that the Clerk's office has limited resources and he is concerned that if someone gets a wrong ballot, how can that be remedied.

- Cathy Wayne reported that she has received a confirmation of her application having been approved. Ellen noted that they haven't started approving any of ours yet and asked Cathy to send a copy of hers to Larry.

**8. Outreach – Ellen Evans, Chair**

a) Update/Report by Chair: The Committee met on Zoom on 03/28, 04/12 & 04/19. Working hard to try to get the word out about how to get a ballot for the election, and put out a nice newsletter. She thanked Outreach for their hard work.

**9. Planning & Land Use – Schlesinger, Chair / Savage, Vice Chair**

a) The PLUC had a meeting on Zoom on Tuesday April 13, and recommended that the board take the following actions:

i. **1896-1898 RISING GLEN 90069 ZA-2020-6405-ZAA**

**Entitlement Request:** Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24X.7, a Zoning Administrator's approval to grant relief from lamc 12.21C.1(g) & 12.22 C.20 (f) to permit the construction, use and maintenance of one 8'6" high vehicular gate and one 6'0" pedestrian gate, both gates attached to an 11'9" stone clad column, all of which are over-in-height, within the side yard of a SFD in lieu of the 6' which is otherwise permitted in the side yard by LAMC in the RE-15-1-H-HCR Zone. App: Frank Mabante / Rep: Nick Leathers [Crest Real Estate]

**Motion:** To approve the entitlement with the condition that the representative produce the information that the one (1) abutting property be notified of this entitlement. **To add that condition was provided by the representative on 04/26/2021.** Stephanie noted that the neighbor was notified of this, and that two days ago Nick produced a letter signed by R. Broccoli, which she will include with any letter that will be written.

**Moved** by Stephanie, Cathy **seconded**. Travis Longcore stated that he attended this meeting and disagreed that these things that can be negotiated away by permission of a neighbor because neighbors change. Rather, this is about following the rules of the community. He won't vote to endorse this project because he saw no reason, given the size of the development, and feels they should have gone through the process before they built the house; they came back afterwards to get this variance on the rules. It should have been done at the beginning. With this much land, you can design your fence within the limitations. He encourages a vote against this.

- Yves disagreed with Travis saying that he lives there and has looked at it, and taking into consideration the additional comments made by Jamie at the PLU Committee meeting that would preclude everybody on Rising Glen from using this as an example to follow, he feels that this is fine with him.

- Nickie is concerned about possible piece-mealing and wondered if we should oppose this. Bob disagreed with Nickie and Travis. **Stephanie** moved to approve; Yves **seconded; 7 yes; 9 no; 10 abstentions; motion failed.**

- ii. **1400 (1524,1418,1536) N Tower Grove & 1411, 1405 N Seabright 90210 ZA-202-5529-ZAD**  
 Zoning Administrator's Determination (12.24-X 28) to request the approval of a permit for the construction, use and maintenance of a 3,339.88 square foot, two story above basement Accessory Living Quarter fronting on a Substandard Hillside Limited and accessed by a CPR of less than 20' in width. (12.21-C,10 (i) (2) & 12.21-C,10 (i) (3)). App: Robert Kopple; Reps: Tara Harrison [Harrison Permits] Arshia Mahmoodi [Arshia Architects, Ltd]  
Motion: To approve with two items: 1) to confirm that there are no protective trees being removed or otherwise planted as the code requires; 2) have a covenant agreement for the accessory living quarters that there is no kitchen.
- Stephanie related that they were given a tree report after the PLU meeting, showing that there are coral trees, a pine tree and a sweet gum tree; however, we didn't discuss that at the meeting. She noted that we could have had a condition that, as typically done, of significant trees requiring replacement at 1:1. She noted that they are not all significant trees; some are in poor health, and none were protected trees; however, Stephanie would add to the motion, now that we have this tree report, that any significant trees by definition be replaced at a rate of 1:1.
  - Asked if the covenant to not build a kitchen in the Accessory Living Quarter (ALQ) was set, Stephanie noted that when you have a discretionary entitlement you are required to record the ZA's conditions up to the indemnification portion of the form. It will be set as long as it is included in the conditions. We would write a letter to request that.
  - Irene asked what the significance is of a 3,000 square foot building not having a kitchen, to which Stephanie noted that it is for Accessory Living Quarters; Yves clarified it is a pool house; it could not be an ADU.
- Amended Motion: To approve with two items: 1) to confirm that there are no protective trees being removed or otherwise planted as the code requires; 2) have a covenant agreement for the accessory living quarters that there is no kitchen; **and, add to the motion that any "significant trees" by definition be replaced at a rate of 1:1** Stephanie **moved**; Bob **seconded**. **21 yes; 2 no**; Not named; **2 abstentions**: Mindy & Yves; **Passed**. (*Robert R. had left.*)
- iii. **Big Wild-Topanga State Park Core Habitat Area [Comment Period ends May 11, 2021.] – T. Longcore**  
Motion: To send attached letter to the Mayor asking the City to endorse the effort of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to continue to recognize throughout the hillside area the habitat blocks that exist so the city doesn't exempt them all from review under CEQA. This constitutes a discrete mapping of specific environmental resources (**Attachment C**) **Moved** by Stephanie; Travis **seconded**; **24 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention**: Yves. **Passed**  
 Travis has heard we are not to cc anyone outside of the city, so if we want to follow that, take SMMC off the letter.
- iv. **Hillside Referral Forms (HSRF) and need to revise BOE template to reflect current ordinances – S. Savage**  
 Currently the heading on the current HSRF states Ordinance 181,624 and Ordinance 174,652. Instead the form must include the current Hillside Ordinance 184,802 (adopted 3-13-17).  
Motion: To approve a letter written by the PLUC to Gary Lee Moore asking that they change the header on the Hillside Referral Forms (HSRF) to reflect current codes and ordinance numbers that will assist in addressing missed entitlements including but not limited to issues of substandard streets in the hillsides. (**Attachment D**) **Moved** by Stephanie; **seconded** by Bob; **22 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention**: Yves. **Passed**.
- v. **Letter to Advisory Agency re: AA-2020-4429-PMEX 1765 Clear View Dr. 90210 – S. Bayliss & S. Savage**  
 This is not a ZA case, it is just an AA case, a lot line adjustment.  
Motion: To approve a letter from the PLU Committee requesting that this project abide by the requirements for a lot line adjustment including approved fire hydrant access, competent grading and soils review, as well as review of access to any divided properties. (**Attachment E**) **Moved** by Stephanie; **seconded** by Bob; André asked why do this when we haven't been asked. **15 yes; 0 no; 5 abstentions**: André, Teresa, Chuck, Irene & Kristy. **Passed**.
- vi. **Update on the Ridgeline Ordinance –CPC-2021-3001-CA – Donald Loze**  
 The Planning Department's recent email indicated that the next step in this ordinance process will be to hold a staff-level public hearing, where members of the public can learn more about the proposed ordinance and submit official testimony to the case file to further inform the ordinance. (**Attachments F, F.i. & F.ii.**)  
 Planning's Presentation <https://lacity.webdamdb.com/embedvid.php?embedAssetId=g5TpxgqOBkM6&apm=0>
- Don gave update that the Planning Department has released a proposed Ridgeline Ordinance Pilot program, to designate what essentially is our NC as the area related, and that a special Zoom call is in the works. The Planning Department has asked for comments from the public, when they get sufficient comments, they'll issue a staff report and we'll have an opportunity for a public hearing on that report. Based on what they learned, they will go to the Planning Commission, then to PLUM and City Council. Don noted that they had wonderful cooperation from CD5 & CD4, and that it is possible in their Hollywood Plan some changes in conformance or addition to this can be made. The pilot program is being coordinated to be used in all the other areas in the city once approved. Along

with that, there are some zoning additions and corrections for our HCRs, and some updates in the code that may be presented as separate HCRs or modifications. He is working with the committee with the Planning Department. He noted that it is the first positive presentation by the City in 21 years, and people in HOA groups support it. He thanks everyone for cooperation on the committee, working through this over a long period of time. Robin related that we are very proud of Don, as he is making history.

**10. Neighborhood Purpose Grants – André Stojka, Chair**

- a) Update/Report by Chair: The Committee met on Zoom on 03/26, 04/16 & 04/23 & recommended:

**Motion:** To adopt January 1 - April 15 as the period of each fiscal year during which the Neighborhood Council shall accept and review Neighborhood Purpose Grant applications.

- André related that they established the committee, met to consider the city's requirements for what NPGs are, publicized it, wrote a story about it and established a deadline. They received one application which merited attention; however, it was not fully developed, so the committee is not recommending anything this fiscal year. They hope to not have any NPG this year but roll over funds to next fiscal year. He noted that they also voted to have a period of time, the first of the year, to start considering NPGs. By that point we'd have a relative idea of how much money is available for NPG.

**Moved** by André; **seconded** by Ellen. Dan Palmer asked who the proposed grant was submitted by, to which André noted that it was from his neighborhood, to partially redesign Beverly Glen to slow traffic down. He noted that we haven't heard from the resident to make a decision and there are blanks to be filled out in the application. **21 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions:** Yves & Dan Palmer; **passed.**

**11. Executive – Robin Greenberg, Chair**

- a) Update/Report by Chair: Committee met on Zoom on 04/08. Robin noted these meetings set the tone for the month.

**12. Traffic – Irene Sandler, Chair**

- a) Update/Report by Chair: The Traffic Committee met on Zoom on 04/14. Irene related that we had a wonderful meeting. Bob Anderson spoke about METRO's proposals for the Sepulveda Corridor Transit Project; two proposals being studied by two different companies for cross mountain traffic between the Valley and town. She discussed the committee's plans to have a community meeting to talk about the alternatives and explain where the projects will be located. Now METRO will have a community meeting in late May. Irene asked if we want our own meeting following METRO's presentation or none at all. Robin noted that a lot of people want to know if tunneling is going to go under their houses. Irene noted that routes are part of the study. Nickie thinks it would behoove us to have our own meeting with our communities who will be affected to discuss what we learned from the METRO meeting. Irene noted that we could have a motion at our next meeting. She asked Ellen to help advertise the METRO meeting when it is scheduled.

- 13. Emergency Preparedness – Chuck Maginnis, Chair – Next Meeting:** Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm. Chuck related that our next meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of May. We'll have SLO Pete Ojeda, which he thinks is very important because morale of the police department is down. We may hear from Captain Tom as well. He asked for agenda topics we would like and ideas of who might be interested in taking over Chairmanship of the EP Committee. He will be happy to speak with them. Chuck related that he has enjoyed working with everyone and that it has been an honor to be part of it. Bob noted that he has done a tremendous job putting it all together.

- 14. Budget & Finance – Nickie Miner, Chair** noted that she will postpone this to next month.

- 15. Public Works & Telecommunications – Patricia Murphy, Chair,** was absent

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

- 16. Motion:** Creation of an Ad Hoc Homelessness Committee **Moved** by Nickie; **seconded** by Maureen L; **yeses were not properly counted, 0 no, 3 abstentions:** Travis, André & Bob. Robin asked if anyone wants to be in charge of this committee at this time. Maureen Levinson would like to be on this committee, and would like us to hear from Ron Galperin, Controller, who is transparent about where all the money goes. She'd like him to come and show us the website and navigate it, and answer questions on HHH. She noted that of the 1.35 billion dollars, \$675 million is for the city to replenishment of funds, including to employees, possibly to pension funds, and she wants to hear from Ron, who has the data about these issues. Robin noted that we can invite him for June.

BABCNC Parliamentarian, Dr. Travis Longcore, referred to a parliamentarian issue, per our Bylaws, in establishing an ad hoc committee. He noted that the Chair of an ad hoc committee is supposed to be nominated by the President [of the Board] and elected at the meeting at which the committee is established. He suggested that if that isn't worked out yet and if we don't have a slate of people to serve on the committee, and since committees have a one-year sunset clause before they have to be voted on again, it would be better to establish getting a chair and a committee together at the same meeting and the same vote, without losing one month.

Travis reiterated that under the Bylaws, we are supposed to staff the committee and have a chair when you establish the committee. He suggested if the vote was incomplete, and no one objects, move on and get this teed up for next month. Robin took this as a motion to postpone for one month and found that it passed without objection.

**17. LADBS Policies – Stella Grey, Chair**

- a) Update/Report by Chair: The Committee met on Zoom on 04/07. Stephanie reported that they met and are figuring out best approaches, and assembling teams on specific topics, e.g., inaccurate hillside referral forms and permit expirations. They meet again on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**18. Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances – Chair E. Evans / V. Chair S. Savage**

- a) Update/Report by Chair: The Committee met on Zoom on 04/22. At the March meeting they had legislative staff from C4 & CD5 and talked about the committee's recommended modifications to the Home Sharing Ordinance, to which they seemed very amenable. For the next meeting, they will get together with city officials and learn more about special events and what a special event is and when events are required to get event permits and alcohol permits because they are having a lot of trouble with parties that are profit-making enterprises and need help to stop those.

**19. Tree Removal and Notification - Mindy Mann, Jamie Hall & Travis Longcore, Ph.D.**

- a) **Report:** Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board, the committee lodged an objection to a tree removal at 8101 W Sunset Blvd. The Board may take further action it finds necessary regarding this proposed removal (Attachment G & G.i.) **Motion:** That the Board receive and file the report of the committee.

Mindy reported that the issue of one tree came up North of Sunset at Crescent Heights. They met as an ad hoc committee and she wrote a letter, asking *Urban Forestry* to reconsider the removal of that very large tree.

Dr. Longcore raised the issue of how we move forward in the future with other situations that present themselves. Travis noted that the purpose of an ad-hoc committee is to handle these things, and you have to act quickly before an action is taken by the city. This committee was established to respond on a rapid basis to these issues, e.g., to appeal them if we object. We didn't say anything and were silent as a board as to what we should do from that point forward. He doesn't want to take every appeal of a removal and come back to the board to have them endorse it because we have already done it. The "filing" piece is just to acknowledge that we took this action on your behalf between meetings because that was the time for it to happen.

The next question becomes if you want us to develop recommendations on particular situations for endorsement by the board or do you want us, if we have decided to appeal the removal of a tree, to just submit the information, rationale, etc., on that tree, which he doesn't think has been fully devolved to us in terms of authority yet. That's the reason behind the motion. Next meeting we can talk about further rules or guidance of what we are able to do as a committee versus as powers more reserved for the board.

Ellen asked about the notice requirements, to which Travis noted you can have a special meeting in 24 hours. Jamie noted that per Larry, a benefit of ad hoc committees, depending on their makeup they do not require Brown Act compliance. Larry agrees with Jamie, with the caveat that it is the general rule that ad hoc committees don't require Brown Act compliance unless there are nonboard members on the committee.

**Public Comment:** Linda Whitford, Ph.D. related that she had sent an email to Robin, Travis, Jamie asking what the committee is authorized to do. She looked at the letter of authorization to allow the committee members to act on the board's behalf. She would like to know if the committee has the authority to respond to any eventuality that may occur in the next month, and if we would consider authorizing the committee to act on this matter including allowing the committee to deputize one member to represent the committee on any issue, if necessary. Dr. Whitford noted that this



particular tree removal matter has been going on since last June. She is concerned things may come to a head and the board's position should be represented, perhaps by participating in a meeting with CD4 or the like. She doesn't want the board to not be represented and doesn't want the situation where all three members felt they had to attend because they didn't have the authority to represent their opinion. Jamie agreed with need to clarify the authority this committee has to advocate on behalf of the NC on these time sensitive matters.

**Motion:** Clarify that this ad hoc committee is empowered to continue to take appropriate actions to respond to tree removal notifications until matter is concluded. Jamie **moved**; Nickie **seconded**; **21 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed.** Ellen asked about minutes for these committees, to which Travis answered that we should have minutes and approve them the next time we meet. In the interim you should get a copy of the email that is sent. Nickie later added that it is to the benefit of everybody that they have the authority to act quickly.

**20. Film Permits & Other Commercial Use of Residential Property** – E. Evans, Chair: We may meet in a few weeks.

**21. Environmental Issues** – Mindy Mann, Chair: 1) Mindy reiterated need to speak on the decision to defund the wildlife pilot study tomorrow at 9:00 am or submit something in writing. She also heard people speak on the funding cuts of staff at the Parks & on behalf of Urban Forestry, noting that they are not funding what they need to fund. 2) Mindy related that she was thrilled about what happened with the nesting birds email, referring to the door hanger by another neighborhood council, and if we do it, we can ask the HOAs do the door hangers as well.

**22. Continuing Teleconference Meetings after Safer-At-Home Order** – Jamie Hall, Chair – **No report**

**23. Task Force on Redistricting** – Nickie Miner, Cathy Wayne & Ellen Evans – **No report**

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

**24. Motion:** Send letter to the City Planning Commission and Planning Department re all vacant/excess lands, city vacant land in *hillside-designated areas* 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. Ellen, **moved**; Jamie **seconded** and **amended** this: We are talking about land in designated hillside areas, change that to city vacant land in hillside designated areas. **22 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed as Amended.**

**25. 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>

Related Council Files: 14-1635-S2; 18-1246

Blumenfield/Ryu Motion: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0995\\_mot\\_08-11-2020.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0995_mot_08-11-2020.pdf) (Attachment H)

**Motion:** To submit a CIS to *support* or *support if amended* Blumenfield/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. **[Council adopted item 03/03/2021.]**

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.

**Moved** by Ellen, **seconded** by Maureen L. **18 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed;**

**26. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (Discussion, Possible Action, Letter &/or CIS Submission) R. Greenberg**

- a) **Motion:** In reference to Council File **21-0350**, the BABCNC strongly advises the members of the Los Angeles City Council and the Mayor that WRAC opposes using the beaches, beach parking lots, and public parks\* for housing of the unhoused. Neighborhood or Community Councils where these sites are listed in the Council motion shall work in good faith to identify alternative sites within their boundaries.  
\* Parks are subject to approval of the stakeholders and neighborhood council in the area of the parks. (**Attachment I**)  
**Council File:** <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0350>  
**PPCC Letter:** <http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Letter-re-CF-21-0350-beach-parks-homeless-housing.pdf>  
- Robert Schlesinger noted that the Judge just ruled that the beaches are off limits.  
**Moved** by Yves; **seconded** by Gail; **19 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed**
- b) **Motion:** BABCNC calls on the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to immediately direct the Los Angeles City Bureau of Sanitation (“LA Sanitation”) to undertake site clean-ups, trash collection, and sanitizing of all homeless encampments located in the neighborhoods represented by the WRAC on the Westside of Los Angeles, in order to abate, correct, and remove hazardous, unsafe, unhealthy, and unsanitary conditions at all homeless encampments forthwith. **Moved** by Nickie; **seconded** by Cathy; **17 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed**
- c) **Motion:** BABCNC calls on the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to direct the Los Angeles Police Department and other relevant law enforcement agencies to enforce all existing, enforceable laws prohibiting the sale and distribution of illegal drugs, human trafficking, and other serious crimes taking place in or near homeless encampments on the Westside of Los Angeles. **Moved** Nickie; **seconded** Cathy; **18 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed**
- d) **Motion:** BABCNC calls on the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to direct the Los Angeles Police Department and the Department of Public Works' Bureau of Engineering Street Services Division, as well as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to direct the Veterans Affairs Police Department and other relevant law enforcement agencies to enforce all existing, enforceable laws prohibiting the blockage of the public right of way on the Westside of Los Angeles, including all applicable provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). **Moved** by Cathy; **seconded** by Nickie; **20 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed**
- e) **Motion:** BABCNC calls for additional funding and resources, from all available sources, in order to implement more Safe Parking Programs and to support existing, reputable safe parking programs, including those operated by organizations such as Safe Parking LA, throughout the Westside of Los Angeles.  
**Moved** by Ellen; **seconded** by Cathy; **15 yes; 1 no; 0 abstentions; passed.**

**Other Reports**

**27. BABCNC Representatives – None**

**28. Liaisons – None**

**29. Budget Advocate or Budget Representatives – Jacqueline Le Kennedy / Ellen Evans – None**

**30. C-PAB Reps – Robert Ringler WLAPD & Vadim Levotman, Hollywood Division: Vadim related that LAPD lost about 9 officers will lose another 4-5 by the end of the month; no significant decrease in their services.**

**31. Congress of Neighborhoods Digital Event Saturday September 25, 2021 @ 9:00 am. <https://www.nccongressla.com/>**

**32. Good of the Order**

**33. Adjournment: 9:03pm**

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup> Time TBD**

**Reminder: Town Hall for Selected Seat Candidates will take place prior to start of the May 26th Board Meeting.**