



Building A Better Community



Draft Minutes

Wednesday May 26, 2021

Virtual Selection Town Hall 6:45pm

Virtual General Board Meeting: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Present: 22 (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, 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</i>		X
Custodians of Open Spaces		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D., Parliamentarian</i>	X	
Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association (Alternate is 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 are 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>Maureen Levinson (appointed 03-24-2021 until election)</i>		X
<i>Shawn Bayliss</i>	X	

Member-at-Large / Youth Seat		
<i>Philip Enderwood, Public Safety Liaison</i>	X	
North of Sunset District <i>(Alternates are Stella Grey and Barbara Dawson)</i>		
<i>Yves Mieszala</i>	X	
<i>Patricia Murphy</i>	X	
Residents of Beverly Glen (RoBG)		
<i>Robert A. Ringler, Secretary</i>		X
<i>Dan Palmer</i>		X
Total:	22	11

6:45 pm: Selection Town Hall:

- o Selected seat candidates: Custodian of Open Spaces, K-6 Private Schools & 7-12 Private Schools

Important Dates for BABCNC Elections & Selections

- Vote by Mail Application (ballot request) closes June 1st
- Ballots may be dropped off at our designated drop box on the street in front of the Barrington Recreation Center, 333 South Barrington Avenue at any time between Friday, June 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.
- Region 11 BABCNC Election Date is Tuesday June 8th
- Mail-in Ballots needs to be postmarked by Election Day and received within 10 calendar days, by June 18th

1. **Call to Order, Flag Salute & Roll Call** (Quorum 15) – Robin Greenberg: Following the Selection Town Hall which was held from 6:45 to 7pm, Robin Greenberg called this meeting to order at 6:58pm. Roll was called by Cathy Palmer with 17 present initially. *Wendy arrived at 7:05pm, Jason & Patricia by 7:08pm, Chuck @ 7:11pm & Philip @ 7:19pm* **22 present; 11 absent.** *[Jamie was present from 7:45pm to 8:10pm; Patricia left @ 8:27pm, Larry left, Philip left @ 8:43 pm.*
2. **Motion:** Approve May 26, 2021 AGENDA (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
Moved by Larry; **Seconded** by Cathy; **17 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; passed.**
3. **Motion:** Approve April 28, 2021 Meeting MINUTES (**Attachment A**)
Moved by Cathy; **Seconded** by André; **16 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention;** Larry; **passed.**
4. **Public Comments:** None
5. **Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies**
 - **Daniel Skolnick, Land Use Deputy Representative for CD5 Councilmember Paul Koretz,** recommends that this NC have a Special Meeting for the Ridgeline Ordinance next month so that we have additional public forum for this community to discuss the draft ordinance; that we go through the ordinance line by line and propose recommendations to the Planning Department’s hearing officer. Get it in early; vet all these issues and provide clear direction. Daniel related that we can post the draft ordinance.
 - **CD5 Jarrett Thompson, Deputy Representative for Councilmember Paul Koretz:** The Benedict Canyon resurfacing project completed a few weekends ago. The issue of some race driving was corrected. 2) The CM proposed a motion to instruct the Personnel Dept. to look into steps to provide prorated benefits to part-time employees and co-sponsored with CM John Lee of CD12 to support the Public Lands Act, protecting 1 million acres of Federal lands in Southern California. *[Wendy Morris arrived at 7:05 & Patricia Murphy @ 7:08 pm.]*
 - **CD4 Rachel Fox, Deputy Representative for Councilmember Nithya Raman:** Not present.
 - **Kay Hartman, Budget Advocate, Region 11 & Vice Chair, Congress of Neighborhoods:** Kay introduced herself and noted that the Budget Advocates published their white paper. Let her know if we haven’t received it.
 - Save the date & reserve for the Congress of Neighborhoods Digital Event Saturday 09/25/2021 @ 9:00am <https://www.nccongressla.com/> - Please reserve August 21 for the online Budget Day.

[Philip arrived @ 7:19pm]

6. **Guest Speaker – Bob Anderson of SOHA: Presentation on METRO’s Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project.**

Following his presentation, Bob noted that METRO will have an informational meeting Tuesday, June 8, 2021 12:00-1:00pm. They start admitting people at 11:45am and you’ll get one hour of information and Q&A.

The floor was opened to a brief Q&A beginning with Philip who asked, if there is a UCLA on-campus station, will there be a degree of tunneling east of the 405. Bob noted that tunneling would be just north of Leo Baeck Temple and would go underground towards the UCLA Campus near the Luskin Center, where the underground station would be. It would come up out of the ground at another station at Lot 36 in the area of Veteran & Wilshire. Philip thanked him for speaking and for making a public records request.

Robert S. noted as to the UCLA station, the monorail would have a train in each direction every two and a half minutes, and asked what would happen in the evenings and weekends. Bob Anderson noted that, per the original studies, UCLA would be the largest user of this system. Bob’s community supports UCLA having the station but they worry about the exact tunnel location. Bob noted that while they think they have to have it, “Concept 1” would not exist, (monorail on 405) and that the other four options are above budget.

Chuck asked how many homes might be demolished due to tunneling at the Veteran location. Bob noted that they’ll be running a little along the west side of Veteran and there may be some eminent domain. They will go under Sunset into the campus and come up somewhere, location not known.

7. **Reports of Officers**

- a) President – Robin Greenberg:
 - i. **Motion:** Move June’s board meeting from June 23rd to June 30th, **Moved** by Mindy; **seconded** by Larry; **21-0-0; passed.** Controller Ron Galperin will be Guest Speaker on June 30th.
 - ii. **Selection Motion:** That the Board vote to select Travis Longcore to the Open Space seat, Jon Wimbish to the Private Schools 7-12 seat, Teresa Lee to the Private Schools K-6 seat and reserve for potential appointment at a later point some worthy stakeholder to the Faith-based Institution seat. **Moved** by Larry; **seconded** by André; **22-0-0; passed.** Congratulations to Travis Longcore, Teresa Lee and Jon Wimbish.
- b) Vice President of Operations – Ellen Evans: No report
- c) Vice President of Legislative Affairs – Jamie Hall: Not present
- d) Secretary – Robert Ringler: Not present
- e) Treasurer – Nickie Miner: **(Update, Discussion & Possible Action)**
 - i. **Deadlines as we approach end of the Fiscal Year:**
 - 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 April 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) **(Attachment B)** **Moved** by Nickie; **Seconded** by Bob; **20 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions; 11 absent; passed.**

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

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

- a) Update/Report by Chair: The Executive Committee met on Zoom May 13th setting the tone for the month.

9. **Outreach – Ellen Evans, Chair**

- a) Update/Report by Chair: The Committee met on Zoom on May 10th. Ellen noted that they put out a newsletter in May. She reported that given the low turnout in the other NC elections, the committee decided not to spend the money allocated for social media advertising for ballot requests, also due to the complicated nature of the process.

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

- a) The PLUC met on Zoom on Tuesday May 11th & held a special Zoom meeting on May 20th.
- b) On May 11th, two projects were heard: 1) the appeal on 8201 Bellgave which was continued to a special meeting on 5/20, and 2) the 826 Crisler project was continued with a provided list to address when they return.
- c) On May 20, the PLUC held a Special Meeting for further information on the 8201 Bellgave appeal. The committee recommended the following action to the Board:

DIR-2021-2902-BSA 8201 Bellgave Place 90069

Project Description: APPEAL OF A DETERMINATION FROM LA DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY, PER APPEAL REPORT NUMBER DBS-210010-DCP. *

Applicant: [MOONRAKER CAPITAL, LLC]

Representative: TONY RUSSO [CREST REAL ESTATE]

Appellant: Vic Armstrong (8211 Bellgave) & Appellant Rep: Carl Lisberger & Victor De La Cruz

*Appeal of building permits for 8201 Bellgave. Large residential project under construction. Appeal includes project violation of applicable floor area, height, and setback limits, among other violations.

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjQ2MTYy0>

PLU Committee Motion: That the appeal be granted because at least one of the appeal points appears to be justified, specifically the condition of approval in the Zoning Administrator's letter of approval which mandated the maximum size of the project. The ZA needs to be very clear as to why this project doesn't require applicability to the Baseline Hillside Ordinance of 2011, versus the BHO of 2017. The applicant insisted that they are under 2017; however the ZA case is vested under 2011. (**Attachment C**)

- Bob and Stephanie introduced the project and invited the presenters to speak. [*Jamie arrived at 7:45 pm.*]

Lara Leitner from Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Mitchell LLP, representing the applicant, noted that this is a fully-permitted approved conforming project and that the appellant filed an appeal that the City has denied in its entirety. She noted that this same client had a lawsuit several years ago, based on an obstruction of views, and that they now allege violations of municipal code. She noted that the appellant brought up issue of whether the 2017 or 2011 BHO applies, and that she is very clear that the 2017 BHO applies.

Carl Lisberger from Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, representing the appellant, noted that this is about much more than views and that neighbors on both sides of the property were party to the lawsuit. He noted that this is about compliance with code, whether people can build mega-mansions in hillside districts. He stated that he wanted to focus on heights this evening, and that the initial issue on RFA is cut and dry but there was a lot of discussion on why 2017 or 2011 applies. They believe this project violates either of the two with respect to height. Architect, Michael Hricak was available to speak on envelope height.

Jamie Hall related that the PLU Committee heard this twice, discussed only this issue at the Special Meeting which lasted over an hour, and that we have tried to be fair to both parties. We didn't feel we could reach a conclusion on some of the appeal points but with regard to exceeding the square footage that the ZA authorized, we felt that was a valid appeal point and we voted to support the appeal on that basis, and added that the Zoning Administrator should look carefully at which version of the BHO was applicable, that of 2011 or of 2017.

Shawn Bayliss related that the PLU Committee discussed the issue of the connection of the rear accessory structure with the home, which seem to be connected, and that the ZA needed to explain how those two are separated when they look very much connected. Jamie clarified that the PLU Committee agreed to the appeal on one appeal point and that we think the others need to be further explored by the ZA. We agreed to support the appeal on a single basis that the project exceeds the square footage that the ZA has authorized. He recommended that the full board adopt the recommendation of the PLU Committee and support the appeal on the single appeal point that was deliberated and voted on by the committee. Jamie **moved**; Cathy **seconded**; **17 yes**; **0 no**; **2 abstentions**: Philip & Larry; **passed**.

11. Emergency Preparedness – Chuck Maginnis, Chair – The EP Committee

- a) Update/Report by Chair: The EP Committee met on Zoom on May 19th @ 5:00pm: Chuck related that Marlene Hirshfield Hakakha spoke on fire-detecting cameras in the hillsides, Captain Jonathan Tom & SLO Pete Ojeda from WLA Police Station spoke, and Scott Mitchem, Homeland Security, spoke on ransomware. Robin gave an appreciation to Chuck and asked who would be interested in increasing involvement with the EP Committee. Philip expressed an interest, particularly in our work with law enforcement and the power of community policing on some calls for unarmed crisis response. He thinks there is an opportunity for the EP Committee to partner with LAPD and reach a consensus that supports the desire of community and people of the city. He referenced a study from Loyola Marymount University on approaching policing in a different manner. Chuck offered to go over aspects of Committee work with Philip. Loyola Marymount Study: [:https://academics.lmu.edu/studyla/studies/policeandcommunityrelationsurvey/](https://academics.lmu.edu/studyla/studies/policeandcommunityrelationsurvey/)

b) **Discussion & Possible Motion:** To approve letter by members of the committee addressed to Police Commissioners, Chief Michel Moore, the Mayor & the City Council that shows our appreciation for West Los Angeles Commanding Captain Jonathan Tom and the effective outreach and communication with our community. (**Attachment D**) **Deferred**

12. Traffic – Chair Irene Sandler related that METRO’s meeting will be on June 8th. She encouraged attending and bringing questions that you have afterwards to our next Traffic committee meeting, when we will be working with CD5 for meaningful dialog. METRO is looking at 2028 and if they start to build, we will be affected as either tunneling or aerial will have to do with the 405. Let her know traffic issues you’d like to bring up. Philip noted that West Bureau Traffic Division has been working on street racing. He has seen a closed circuit camera mounted to the stoplight @ Beverly Glen & Mulholland and would like to know what agency is responsible. Irene noted that we have the police on party patrol; however, they’re short of people and won’t necessarily respond as quickly as we want. She is concerned about news of Pro-Palestinian group parade followed by a physical confrontation with Jewish people outside a restaurant. She related that Paul Koretz is very concerned that police be diverted to areas of great concern and that we will have to ask for more help if we need it.

[Jamie left @ 8:10pm]

13. Bylaws, Rules & Elections – Larry Leisten, Chair: Larry hopes that you all received your ballot, voted and mailed or will drop off at ballot drop box from Friday, June 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. If you have someone drop the ballots off for you, he recommends someone who does this not be a candidate to avoid impropriety. The candidate photo and statement deadline is June 1st, which is late. The VBM application (ballot request) closes June 1st. Need to do so in the next 4-5 days or you’ll be prohibited from voting. Ellen noted that the Election page has all the information on how to ask for your ballot and complete this by June 1st. If you haven’t done it yet, it is time to do it.

14. Budget & Finance – Nickie Miner, Chair: We’ll have a meeting in June to go over the budget package.

15. Public Works & Telecommunications – Patricia Murphy, Chair, reported that she sent out invites to members; hopes to have a meeting in early June. She participated in CD4 public works meeting this week. She looks forward to meeting.

16. Neighborhood Purpose Grants – André Stojka, Chair, related that we rolled our funds over to next year. He sent a note to the applicant of the NPG as to its status. We are waiting to see what kind of funds we have next year.

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

[At this point, the Board voted on the Selection candidates; motion is noted above under President’s report, #7.a.ii.]

17. Discussion & Possible Motion: To create an Ad Hoc **Homelessness Committee**, Members & Chair:
Volunteers to be committee members: Rob Farber, Maureen Levinson, Mindy Mann, and Patricia Murphy, who will switch out from Public Works. **Moved** by Robin; **Seconded** by Cathy; **approved** by all present and voting.

18. LADBS Policies – Stella Grey, Chair

a) Update/Report by Chair: The Committee met on Zoom on May 5th. Next meeting is on June 2nd. 4:00pm
Stella related that they had several meetings, developed issues that interest them, reached out to CD4, and are trying to reach out to CD5 to get them involved. They will try to make motions to move forward with important issues.

19. Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances – Chair Ellen Evans / Vice Chair Stephanie Savage

a) Update/Report by Chair: The Committee met on Zoom on May 20th and meets again on June 3rd. 12:00pm
Ellen related that they are having a forum on “events” because a lot of times locations are rented out for events, and it doesn’t fall under the Home Sharing Ordinance. Different departments have event permits. The committee wants to understand what is required.

20. Film Permits & Other Commercial Use of Residential Property E. Evans, Chair

a) Update/Report by Chair: The Committee met on Zoom on May 18th
Ellen related that they had a forum on Film Permits and Commercial Use. There are a lot of people using residential properties for revenue streams. The committee wanted to get a read from LADBS and what’s going on with enforcing commercial activity in residential zones. They haven’t been successful to bring them to the table but had a good conversation about all the ins and outs on film permits.

- 21. Tree Removal and Notification** - Mindy Mann, Jamie Hall & Travis Longcore, Ph.D.
 a) Update & Report regarding objection to a tree removal at 8101 W Sunset Blvd. if any: No action was taken this month.
- 22. Environmental Issues** – Mindy Mann, Chair noted that we will have a meeting and she hopes committee members will get back to her. They need to target a few of the many issues, decide which are the most important to work on, e.g., upcoming fire season/drought season. She noted that Tree People has an approach that may be different in terms of fire safety such as planting native plants, and hardening the home. The committee would like to have a presentation about what we can do as we are facing this summer.
- Irene related that Bel Air Crest will spend the money to have a second tree trimming and fire abatement work done so we do not disturb the nests of the birds.
 - Travis related, about fire and fire risk, that we are at vegetation levels that are more like September's and we need to have eyes out, being absolutely diligent regarding doing dangerous things, making fuel modification next to places where there are cars and hot mufflers, and educating people coming into town and smoking. Be on high alert, keep ignitions from happening, and keep the fires from happening. There is a lot of dry vegetation out there.
 - Chuck recommended Citizen app to find out what's going on within your radius. If you are in an HOA, it is up to you to publish this to let them know that there is a NC and to be protective of wildfires, keeping alert, having street captains.
 - Mindy shared having seen a DWP worker smoking a cigarette, and notified him that he is not allowed to smoke there.
 - Chuck related that they put red flag signs up and down Bel Air Road with help from Paul Koretz's office.
 - Yves Mieszala opined that it doesn't matter who caused or set the fires; the bottom line is, if everybody does their brush clearance, get rid of the Sumac, and tell people to do that, everybody will be fine.
 - Irene wondered because we heard about people who blew up houses in the Valley related to fireworks, do we have signs about fireworks?
 - Robert S. wondered if we should ask for signs saying VHFSZ.
 - Bob Garfield noted that there are signs at every entrance to these hills that are small and difficult to read. Do this with CD5. Robert S. will ask Jarrett tomorrow.
 - Gail noted that construction workers take down the no-parking signs. Robert S. noted that he had worked with Rudy Guevara a few years ago, and had a map. Shawn will contact Rudy.
- [Patricia left by 8:27.]*
- 23. Continuing Teleconference Meetings after Safer-At-Home Order** – Jamie Hall, Chair no longer present.
- 24. Task Force on Redistricting** – Nickie Miner, Cathy Wayne & Ellen Evans: Cathy observed a County Redistricting Commission meeting.

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

- 25. Discussion & Possible Funding Motion:** Consider making a contribution to the Congress of Neighborhoods, which will be a virtual event on Saturday September 25, as well as the EmpowerLA Awards and/or Budget Advocates. (Example: \$50, \$100, \$200, \$500, etc.)
- X Neighborhood Council Budget Advocacy (L.A. Charter Section 909) in the amount of: *\$100.00
 - X L.A. Congress of Neighborhoods (LAAC 22.801) – Event in the amount of: *\$100.00
 - X L.A. Congress of Neighborhoods (LAAC 22.801) – EmpowerLA Awards in the amount of: *\$100.00
- Completed form must be submitted & check payment request by Treasurer by June 1st deadline (**Attachment E&F**)
 Ellen **moved** to give \$100 to each; **seconded** by Travis. Kay Hartman noted that the City doesn't give money to the Congress or Budget Advocates any longer. They used to give \$10,000 but stopped a year ago. The only way that they can have these is through NC contributions.
- 15 yes; 0 no; 4 abstentions;** Nickie, Jason, Cathy & Chuck; **14 absent; passed.** *[Larry had left.]*
- 26. Discussion & Possible Motion:** Consider how the BABCNC wishes to proceed with board & committee meetings for the next fiscal year: Online only, in person only when room available or hybrid? Zoom licenses have been renewed by DONE for NCs for another year. Per AJU, we can coordinate with them after the summer to have a room again.
- Discussion was held with ideas including Wendy suggesting meeting in person three times a year and the rest by Zoom.
 - With regard to Tree People as a meeting place, Travis recalled that we met there once in the past and got pushback because it's not technically within our boundaries. He added that there is a possibility to do blended, some online and some in person; as well as blended having some people in person while others would be present remotely. That would require having a room wired for that. It would help gain ease of access for someone to come for one item, rather than driving across the mountain to get to a meeting. Cathy Wayne agreed with Travis.
 - Ellen would be in favor of all monthly meetings in person. - Wendy noted that UCLA has the technicalities for blended.

27. **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (Discussion, Possible Action, Letter &/or CIS Submission)** R. Greenberg Robin related that she was able to talk at City Council with the CIS on the Mike Bonin motion today.

a) **Motion (WRAC Homeless / Jay Handal)** – Severely mentally ill persons in Los Angeles, who are unable to avail themselves of current public services, are dying on our streets. BABCNC demands the City of Los Angeles collaborate with the County of Los Angeles to fully utilize the Lanterman-Petrus-Short Act, including section 5150 and fast-track conservatorships of these individuals, to enable life-saving care. Further, we ask that the city add to its legislative program a demand that the State Legislature provide funds to the county to create as many fully-staffed psychiatric beds as necessary to properly house and treat these individuals.

Moved by André; **Seconded** by Maureen; discussion held. **14 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions:** Chuck & Bob; **Passed.**

b) **Motion (WRAC LUPC / Jay Handal)** – BABCNC requests that the City Council direct City Attorney Mike Feuer to provide a legal opinion as to whether or not the City Planning department and commissions have the legal right under State and City laws and ordinances to consider the financial interests of the developer when considering entitlements. **Moved** by Travis; **Seconded** by Cathy. Discussion was held.

Amendment: Add determine the legality of Planning to require a schedule performance and a completion bond adequate to satisfy the entitlements. Don **moved** and Travis **seconded** the amendment. Stephanie **abstained**; otherwise the **amendment passed. Motion as Amended 17 yes; 1 No: Nickie; 0 Abstentions; Passed.**

c) **Motion (WRAC Transportation)** – BABCNC requests that the city of Los Angeles improves signage in electric vehicle charging locations to discourage non-charging vehicles (both ICE and EVs) from parking there. It further requests that the city issue a warning ticket and subsequent fine to any vehicle owners who repeatedly park in these spots illegally once adequate signage is installed.

Moved by Mindy; **Seconded** by André; **18-0-0; Passed.**

d) **Motion (WRAC Transportation)** – BABCNC supports motions (City Council File: 20-0584 and 20-0498) introduced by Councilmember David Ryu/Koretz and O’Farrell/Martinez to create incentives for employees of businesses and for government officials and employees to work from home.

Motion: To table **moved** by Travis; **seconded** by André; **18-0-0; Motion to Table passed.**

[Philip had left at 8:43 pm]

e) **Motion (WRAC LUPC / Barbara Broide)** - WHEREAS businesses referred to as “cloud kitchens” or “ghost kitchens” represent a fairly new form of commerce and land use concept, and, WHEREAS this new business model has the potential to create significant impacts on neighboring business and residential communities, and

WHEREAS the City of Los Angeles has not established a specific zoning classification for such businesses, thus creating potential inconsistencies, uncertainty and lack of transparency for applicants, City staff, and those seeking to review these proposed projects, and

WHEREAS the absence of clear classification for cloud/ghost kitchens can result in some being treated as commercial and/or retail uses, while others may be grouped as light manufacturing, and WHEREAS none of these classifications accurately captures the true nature of these operations, and

WHEREAS cloud kitchen/ghost kitchens are being established in many areas across the City of Los Angeles, Therefore, be it moved that the BABCNC requests that the City, represented by our Council District, PLUM, the City Council, in coordination with the Departments of Planning and Building and Safety:

- define what constitutes a Cloud/ghost kitchen, including possible different categories of such operations based upon numbers of kitchens and/or square footage involved,
- identify criteria for the evaluation of their applications for build out and permitting, including a process to evaluate potential impacts on their surroundings (noise, odor, traffic and requirements pertaining to factors
- assess needed infrastructure (adequacy of electric service to area), parking and/or loading zones,

BABCNC believes that providing this needed clarification will remove uncertainties as and contribute to the establishment of successful enterprises by creating the structure needed to guide the city’s review and decision-making process.

Jason noted that these are existing commercial kitchens utilized for any number of restaurants or delivery service, etc., a licensed commercial kitchen under regulatory purview. Travis noted the concern is that some

are in locations with no issue while others may be in locations lacking infrastructure to support it, e.g., the numerous delivery vehicles coming through. The motion is not a blanket opposition to this as a business mode. We may see getting together in a restaurant is less common and having people come to you is more common. We are looking for infrastructure to be there. He understands need to have protections and it is appropriate to ask the City to engage this as a new business form that doesn't fall under the same guidelines as a restaurant but has some of those attributes. **Moved** by Travis; **Seconded** by Jason; **16 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention**: Don; **passed**.

- f) **Reports by BABCNC Representatives on WRAC Committees:** Robinson Farber, Homelessness; Nickie Miner, Transportation & Travis Longcore, PhD, Land Use (LUPC)

- Nickie attended a WRAC Transportation Committee meeting and would recommend to them what she has learned at this evening's meeting, e.g., the upcoming informational METRO zoom call coming up and having Bob Anderson to speak on the Sepulveda Corridor Transit Project.

- Travis related, as Alternate for WRAC Land Use Committee, that he had heard a couple presentations, one about the Housing Update for the General Plan and another on various Community Plans going on. He noted that we are there asking the tough questions.

Announcements & Other Reports

28. BABCNC Officer Elections & Committee Seating will be done at the July 28th meeting.

29. Updates from Any of the BABCNC Representatives & Liaisons – None due to time

30. Reports from C-PAB Reps – Robert Ringler WLAPD & Vadim Levotman, Hollywood Division – None this evening.

31. Good of the Order:

- Chuck thanked everyone for their kind words and especially thanked Robin whom he appreciates for all she has done.
- Nickie asked who was the lone holdout on the vote on the Mike Bonin motion to evaluate housing the unhoused at "Safe Camping" sites on four beach parking lots that passed today by 13-1 and questioned the accuracy of the word "safe" in "safe parking" and "safe camping" in that motion.
- Bob related that the Venice people are saying that there is no beach anymore.
- Ellen invited everyone to DSPNA's mid-year meeting on Sunday June 6th @ 4:00pm when they will have Ron Galperin speak on homeless issues.

32. Adjournment: Robin adjourned the meeting at 9:24pm, on the note that she is anxious to see us all in person again. She wished us all health, happiness and a safe Memorial Day weekend.

Next Meeting: June 30th at 7:00pm with Ron Galperin.