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**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Monthly Board Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday June 30, 2021 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

Present: 27 (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 (03-24-2021 until the June 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:	27	6

- 1. Call to Order, Flag Salute & Roll Call** (Quorum 15) – Robin Greenberg, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, welcomed all in attendance, with 17 present initially and shortly thereafter **27 present and 6 absent**.
- 2. Motion:** Approve June 30, 2021 AGENDA **moved** by Robert & **seconded** by Ellen; Larry noted need to insert Maureen Levinson for Google Workspace and add those who succeed to vacancies. The agenda was **approved** with Larry’s comments, as **moved** by André & **seconded** by Ellen by a vote of **18-0-1**; Mindy abstained.
- 3. Motion:** Approve May 26, 2021 Meeting MINUTES (**Attachment A**) **Moved** by Nickie; **Seconded** by Larry; **18 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention:** Heather; **approved as written**.
- 4. Public Comments:** BABCNC welcomes comment on any topic not on adopted agenda, within the Board’s jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to one minute unless waived by President.

Richard McCracken, a Linda Flora resident, regarding the Ridgeline Protection Ordinance, related that he is stunned that the City is trying to downzone this neighborhood entirely out of existence, that this was done in an underhanded way with no community outreach, and that once this zoning passes, your house becomes a nonconforming use; a lender won’t touch it, you won’t be able to get it insured or tear it down and rebuild it. None of this has been explained by the city.

Allison McCracken echoed what Richard said and noted that they are stunned that anyone could put something like this through that will eliminate property rights of homeowners who have had these homes for decades; this downzoning to nonconforming homes will affect people’s ability to finance, if someone needed a reverse mortgage, etc. It is not about preserving the ridgelines but to put something like this through without considering the dramatic effect is deceitful, was not communicated properly, and they’ll go door to door on the RP1 map to make sure people understand what will happen to their homes if this goes through.

Rok introduced himself as an architect and thanked this neighborhood council for the concern in regard to the ridgeline. He noted, however, that the radical law trying to be passed on this ordinance is completely destructive to the middle of the hill. You’ll have more caissons, driveways, retaining walls, it will look horrendous and this ordinance doesn’t address the fact that once you have to move down to 50 feet below the ridgeline you’ll have to replant the ridgeline.

Andrew Paden related that he grew up and lives on Linda Flora Drive, in the proposed Ridgeline Protection District (RP). He discussed his love of beauty of this region which inspired him to pursue a science education and become a biologist and environmental planner. He finds the proposed Ridgeline Protection Supplemental Use District (SUD) disquieting, and noted that, as of this date, the community is heading for a ridgeline protection designation of RP1. He read aloud part of the municipal code 13.21.

Rajiv Jayadevan, resident of upper Linda Flora Drive, related that the RP1 and RP2 of Stradella and Linda Flora will drastically lower values of our homes. If we had to rebuild our properties in a high fire severity zone with the rezoning, if something happened to our homes we could not rezone, especially with RP1 Zone.

Patricia Templeton related that she supports what everyone is saying, that people will not be able to rebuild and many will be underwater on their mortgages. She thinks it is unconscionable how this has been presented. There has been no effective notice because people don't understand that they will be limited to single-family homes.

Don Hardison related that he is a 10-year resident of Linda Flora and echoes what everyone has said. He noted that it is shocking that we are having an ordinance presumably placed upon us which could take our property and limit us on how we rebuild from a natural disaster, prohibiting us from building a second story.

Raphaella Dreyer & Andrew Bonthron live at 2130 Linda Flora Drive. A gentleman opined that this is deceptive and despicable; Rafaella Dreyer has lived there for 20 years and their home represents their life savings and hard work. They have a two-story home that would not conform to any of the requirements, e.g., gradings, setback, being one story, and is effectively wrecking their retirement fund for a pristine ridgeline ordinance.

Farzin Motamed has lived on Linda Flora for 20 years, where he raised his kids. He finds it laughable to call this a pristine ridgeline. He noted that this is a community... you are taking a wrecking ball to. He echoes everything his neighbors are saying and feels that this is a terrible misguided idea.

Talia Jayadvan lives us on Linda Flora, and noted that the streets are built on top of the ridgeline. She noted that it is a taking of our property; we could not rebuild our properties. The RP2 is as bad as the RP1. To limit us to one story is taking the property effectively. It would not be economically feasible to rebuild given what we paid for this land and what it would cost to rebuild.

Resident of 1983 Linda Flora related that he and his wife are new to the community and are very disturbed by what has been proposed here by the city. He echoes comments by everyone else.

At this point, attention was turned to Item #6, guest speaker, Los Angeles City Controller, Ron Galperin.

At the end of the meeting, additional general public comment was given by **Donal Manahan** who introduced himself and noted that this is first time attending, he learned a lot, and looks forward to coming in the future.

5. Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies:

Mehmet Berker introduced himself as the new CD4 Field Deputy for Bel Air-Beverly Crest. He noted that Rachel Fox has been promoted to Deputy District Director. He looks forward to meeting all of us. He congratulated the newly-elected members of this board and thanked the outgoing board members. He noted that the deadline for public comment on the Ridgeline Ordinance has been continued until August 2nd 2021.

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- 6. Guest Speaker – Controller Ron Galperin:** President Greenberg introduced Ron Galperin. He noted that his goal, as Controller, has been to make the city transparent as to the accounts of the city. He explained that they use metrics for performance, have dashboards for people to look at, and mapping data of the city. Following a detailed presentation, he noted that the number one issue is the crisis of homelessness in our midst; three people a day die on our streets. He finds that the response of government has been unconscionable. We are spending billions of dollars but what results are we getting? The numbers of people and tents on our streets have ballooned. Elected officials have ignored and badly misspent how that money is best used. His audits show that it is taking three to six years to build at \$500,000 to \$750,000, and that they cannot have enough money to be expeditious enough. They have done an analysis which shows that only 500 units are completed. He recommends that immediately we get people off the sidewalks in a humane, kind and thoughtful way as we are destroying our neighborhoods and the people experiencing homelessness. He noted that this is a public health, humanitarian and neighborhood disaster. He believes that there is a way to do this as to structures for people to live in until the greater solutions and he recommends being more nimble to get the current disaster off the street.

The floor was opened to a brief Q&A.

Don Hardison expressed concern about the ordinance before us, which he opined would erode the tax base of the city and asked for the Controller's thoughts on the ordinance, noting that people should have the right to rebuild. Controller Galperin related that he is not convinced that the approach of City Council will be successful and that there are no prohibitions of things you can and cannot do within a certain number of feet.

The Controller noted that when you draft ordinances that require a measuring tape on the streets and sidewalks, whether someone can have a tent and furniture, you add complexities. He noted that they have added 14-day notice, which creates problematic rights that would affect our ability to do cleanups. He related that we have enough properties that we can set aside for the purposes of those experiencing homelessness. He opined that parking lots are problematic but are a good way for transitioning people to what will be next. He sees good models, e.g., anti-recidivism coalition, housing for ex-cons effectively, and believes that there are ways to create housing models that are a lot more effective and quick.

<https://antirecidivism.org/news/author/antirecidivism/>

Don Loze opined that those efforts with respect to the Ridgeline Ordinance are being abused in the comments of taking and there is a lot of misinformation being passed around at the moment; he doesn't want Ron to be deceived. Ron noted that it is a balance. He lives in the hills and is aware of fire and other things and wants to make sure we are very thoughtful on the way we do development and that we need to look to how we strike the right balance, and make sure there is ample opportunity for people to weigh in.

Robin expressed her appreciation of Ron, and Ron thanked all of us working on the neighborhood council as well as Christina Ibarra & his staff for the work on what he shared.

7. Treasurer's Report – Nickie Miner: (Update, Discussion & Possible Action)

i. **Motion:** Approval of May 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachment B**)

22-0-1; Larry Leisten abstained, **3 ineligible** and the May MER was **approved**.

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 on June 3rd – Next meeting 07-12

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

a) Update/Report by Chair: The PLU Committee met on Zoom Tuesday June 22nd following online webinars on the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance and the Ridgeline Ordinance, in June. They needed another meeting before July 2nd, and a workshop was then held on June 26th to further develop a letter for the Ridgeline Ordinance for board action.

The Chair noted that, based on our request, we were granted an additional 30 days until August 2nd, a letter is in the drafting stage, and by next month we will have a letter before the board.

b) **Motion:** To approve the PLUC's recommendations for the draft Ridgeline Ordinance (~~**Attachment C**~~) **Deferred**

c) **Motion:** To create a Ridgeline Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee, members and chair. Bob **moved**; Chuck **seconded**
Travis related that the PLU Committee created an ad-hoc working group to address this. It is appropriate to take the ad hoc committee that the PLU committee created and make a motion that it becomes a task force on the ridgeline ordinance with the members to include: *Robin, Travis, Stephanie, Don, Shawn, Jamie, Stella, Wendy and Bob*, people from all of the major HOAs, including Laurel Canyon, the Bird Streets, Benedict Canyon, Bel Air and BAHA, to name a few, and with Bob Schlesinger as Chair if he so desires. Robert Ringler suggested including Dan Palmer representing Residents of Beverly Glen. Travis will coordinate Beverly Glen issues and make sure that they are well represented here. **26-0-0; passed.**

10. Outreach – Ellen Evans, Chair

a) Update/Report by Chair: The Committee met on Zoom on June 14th @ 12pm and went through the analytics for our web and mailing list, social media accounts. The web and social media are getting more traffic. The committee decided to have a town hall on fire prevention on July 14.

b) **Motion:** That the BABCNC will present a virtual fire prevention town hall on July 14th at 5pm. **Moved** by Ellen; **seconded** by Larry; **26-0-0; passed.**

11. Budget & Finance – Nickie Miner, Chair

- a) Update/Report by Chair: The Committee met on Zoom on June 23rd @ 5:00pm: Ellen would like to include \$2,000 to \$3,000 for the web. Nickie would like to wait until we get our rollover funds.

Motion: Approve 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Administrative (Budget) Packet (**Attachment D**) **23 yes; 1 no; 0 abstentions; 6 absent; 3 ineligible; passed.**

12. Bylaws, Rules & Elections

- a) Update/Report by Outgoing Chair, Larry Leisten noted that our elections are completed; we have certified results and successful candidates who are about to be seated tonight.
- Larry noted that we experienced problems with the Vote by Mail and that Ellen's neighborhood was impacted by USPS not picking up and delivering mail on critical dates. Some candidates from her neighborhood may have been adversely affected. Ellen noted that part of the key is that we did not have a drop box anywhere near our neighborhood or anyone's neighborhood. On the day ballots were supposed to postmarked, her neighborhood didn't have mail. In another case, one of her constituents notified the City Clerk's office early that they had the wrong ballot and they said they would send a new one; however, the constituent didn't get the new one until after Election Day. He mailed the one he was supposed to throw away and the Clerk never got it.
 - Ellen related that it is critical to have a drop box more centrally located because the margin was very tight and it makes a difference. Cathy Wayne noted that this pertains to Laurel Canyon as well. Bob opined that we should have two drop boxes, one for CD4 & CD5, to which Ellen noted that we asked for that and they said no way.
 - Larry continued his report that there will likely be a review of the election as done previously in 2019 and 2016. He opined that this process was not well executed, and talking about drop boxes presumes that the next election will also be vote by mail. He feels that having a polling location is the best way to hold an election as it is outreach.
 - Larry noted his intent to have an updated draft of the Code of Civility, as much of the language needs to be updated. In 2012 there was not a City Code of Conduct, and he would like this to be a supplement to the City Code of Conduct, without anything overlapping. He will be visiting this in the next month or so. He doesn't think it will be something to adopt immediately; it will require at least one meeting for discussion.
- b) **Discussion & Possible Motion:** Approve updated Draft Code of Civility for bylaws (~~Attachment E~~) **Deferred**
- c) **Notice to Board of July Meeting to Elect Officers, Reconstitute and Establish Committee Membership & Appointment of Alternates, and Ad hoc committees included as needed.**
- Larry recommended that if you want to be considered please express it in writing. He noted voting for officers will be by open ballot and solicitation for nomination of officer positions, President, VP Ops, VP Legislative Affairs, Treasurer, & Secretary.

Larry noted that at the July meeting the board will be having its officer elections, reconstituting the committees as well Alternates and ad hoc committees that will be expiring. Ad hoc committees are temporary with a one-year term within our bylaws. If any ad hoc committees are coming to an end within several months, he has advised Robin or the incoming president that they be reconstituted at next month's meeting.

He noted, as to nominations to elect officers, reconstitute and establish committee membership, appoint any alternates as well as reconstitute ad hoc committees as needed, if you want to be considered please express it in writing. He would recommend that you get your nominations in the day before the meeting. He related that officer elections were done last year by yea or nay; would do it by messaging the moderator and would advise those present that it is an open ballot vote; the moderator can disclose upon request who voted for whom.

He noted that Board officer elections are not specifically addressed in the bylaws, but he would recommend this be done differently than in the past; if any board member is interested in an officer position, submit their name or another board member can submit their name for candidacy for an officer election.

Larry related that in past years there were email communications and phone conversations where if someone is running, another person doesn't want to run against that someone. He opined that that this not is the way for a public body to hold officer elections as it is in conflict with the Brown Act, and that our officer elections should be open and transparent, for the public to witness. He noted that, not specifically addressed in the bylaws, he had advised the board to run the nominations differently than in the past. Anyone interested in a position submit your name or another board member can submit candidacy for nomination. He noted that officer elections should be open and transparent for the

public to witness. He would ask that nominations be submitted prior to the board meeting, with the only exception being if no one has tossed their hat for an office, when the president conducting the meeting can open up the floor for nominations.

Larry noted that this is his final report as Chair of the Bylaws Committee, having been such for 13 years, (he joined the board in 2002 prior to certification). Larry related that it has been an honor to serve this board for many years and that he will be available to work in an advisory capacity, pro bono.

Maureen Smith had a question for Larry regarding a community interest seat where a person dropped out. She thanked Larry. Ellen thanked Larry for his impressive dedication to this work, which is necessary and appreciated. She noted that last time we did the nominations through a Google form and asked if we will do that again. Larry related that it is Ellen's call if she is running it; but that people can also submit names in an email. He noted that some people don't like running against someone but he feels that it is okay to run and lose.

Chuck expressed his appreciation of Larry, whom he stated has kept him and the EP Committee out of harm's way for the last 15 years or so. Chuck noted that Larry has been unbelievable, giving us advice and leading us through a lot of different situations.

Travis related that he disagrees with Larry about the election, because it is not mentioned how to do officer elections in the bylaws. As for detail of the nominations, this defaults to Roberts Rules, to either have a Nomination Committee or nominations from the floor. If we ask people to register ahead of time we would have to vote to suspend the rules and put this in place. He noted with regard to election of officers, when talking to the board members, it is not a violation of the Brown Act. The open meeting aspect is that the Brown Act requires us to have an open ballot. Our rules take nominations from the floor. If we don't want to do that, have a motion.

Larry noted that the Bylaws are silent on how our officer elections are to work, and that discussions prior to the board meeting about who they'd like to run is fine and is not necessarily a violation of the Brown Act. His concern would be in not allowing our elections to be open and transparent. In the past, our officer elections have been a fait accompli. He related that it is an underpinning of the Brown Act to not allow the public's business to be conducted behind closed doors. Perhaps the board can take the motion at the start of next month's meeting. If we can procedurally endorse what Travis is saying, he would put together a motion at the outset to suspend these rules, unless we hold a special meeting mid-month, to get these things done.

Nickie thanked Larry for his knowledge, expertise, and said we will miss him, and to stay connected. Wendy thanked Larry for years of great service to this group and to the city. She sees his suggestion to have a motion now impossible to carry out, to which Larry noted that we cannot take a motion now; however, suggested we can hold a special meeting or a regular scheduled meeting to accomplish what Travis is suggesting, in a week or two. Travis noted that he would have us follow the rules but acknowledged that there is latitude for the Chair to say this is how we are going to run the election. He won't challenge that. He thinks we should take nominations from the floor but is happy to go forward with open eyes.

Robert Schlesinger expressed appreciation for Larry whom he noted has been a tremendous source of what you can and cannot do at NCs and HOAs.

Robin noted regarding the upcoming election that she understands both points of view. She is comfortable with people saying ahead of time that they are interested in running for a position and thinks that these positions are worth a great deal of thought ahead of time when one can think that one has the desire to spend hundreds of hours during the next year for a job with no pay. She would rather you think about it more than less. The more thought that goes into what we do the better off it is. She would rather that during the next period of time we state we are interested in taking nominations. Larry noted that there is no motion on the agenda, and that we can remedy this by meeting in between monthly meetings. He values Travis's comments, that it is best to do things by the book... and his view is that there is not much damage to be taking nominations from the floor as long as we have nominations in prior to the meeting; we don't want all the offices to be blank and everything sort of a done deal. Travis responded that what Robin said is fine, she said express nominations in a time, then take nominations from the floor and then we're covered.

13. LADBS Policies – Stella Grey, Chair

- a) Update/Report by Chair: The Committee met on Zoom on June 2nd. Not present

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

- a) Update/Report by Chair: The Committee met on Zoom on June 3rd with City of LA and State of CA officials to discuss various rules related to “events,” and how and whether those rules can be enforced at “events” in residential areas.

Ellen related that the committee had an events forum related to various permits, e.g., alcohol, stage, and things that sometimes happen at party houses that seem to require other permits. The big answer we got was nobody really cares and they just want to use the Party House Ordinance. They want to enforce the ordinance; they don’t want you to call LADBS to say that there has been a stage or other contraption built. Robin thanked Ellen for her work and the entire committee. Robin noted that this committee really works; they really care.

Maureen Levinson related that there was an incident with one of the houses that had a party, where the street was blocked; LAPD came out around midnight to sort it out. At 3:30 a.m., heard talking and sirens, went out and saw a line of red lights flashing. There was about a 10-minute delay for an emergency vehicle to get through to answer a call on Roscomare Road. She got video and called Station #37, and spoke to a hook and ladder driver who was really upset about the situation. She had two incident numbers, emailed everyone with the incident numbers and video. They came down hard, met with the owner and manager of the house and threatened arrest next time. Maureen noted that you have to show evidence and to get incident numbers if you want the city to respond. She now has two incidents where emergency vehicles in her area were delayed because of a party house.

15. Task Force on Redistricting – Cathy Wayne, Ellen Evans, Nickie Miner, Robin Greenberg & Travis Longcore

- a) Update/Report by Chair: The Committee met on Zoom on June 21st & June 28th and recommended the following: **Motion:** To elect Travis Longcore as Chairperson of the Task Force on Redistricting. Chuck **moved** and **seconded** Cathy; **26-0-0; passed.**

Travis gave a brief report from the task force, noting that they are focusing mostly on the city redistricting of the council districts. He would have you ask your stakeholders to participate in the listening session July 7th for CD5. CD4’s session will be held later on. He noted that it is important to get everyone there on the 7th, send out an announcement to the email list of the NC. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information for what you consider to be your “community of interest.” He noted that the committee’s discussion after two meetings was that the position of the task force was that we as a NC are a community of interest and should be entirely in CD5. He listed some of our similarities in terms of the development patterns, the ridgeline ordinance, the fire hazards, the landslide hazards, party houses, traffic issues, public safety and a cultural identity as living in the hillsides. He noted that we did not get a motion put on the agenda for people to vote on but we would represent as a task force and as individuals at this meeting next week that that is our position. An email will go out tomorrow to let everybody know about the meeting; please forward it to your stakeholders, whatever you think that your community of interest is. Let people know about it.

Nickie Miner mentioned another thing we have in common as a community of interest is from the 405 to Laurel Canyon there are thoroughfares from the City to the Valley. We are the only area in the city that has such thoroughfares, heavily trafficked and that the negative aspects are common to all of us. She noted that we are a unique area and should be in one council district. We used to be in CD5 and would like to be in CD5 again.

New Business

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

- 16. Discussion & Possible Motion:** To add the Immediate Past President to the Executive Committee: **Moved** by Robin; **seconded** by André; **26-0-0; passed.**
- 17. Motion:** Appoint Graham Greene to the Traffic Committee: **Moved:** R. Ringler; **seconded:** A. Stojka; **26-0-0; passed.**

- 18. Discussion and Possible Funding Motion:** To continue BABCNC Google Workspace which includes an email address and Google Apps for Larry Leisten, per the motion approved at the 02-24-2021 meeting, to allow for selected individuals (*non-board-members*) who are significantly involved in the NC to have an email address. **Motion amended** by Larry under approval of the agenda: To insert Maureen Levinson to continue her Google Workspace account and add those who succeed to vacancies. The cost is \$6.00/month = \$72.00 per year per person. Each year the account (*for non-board members*) would have to be approved by the Board. **Moved** by André; **seconded** by Chuck. **25-0-1;** Larry Leisten abstained; **passed.**

19. **Discussion & Possible Motion:** To approve letter by 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. – Maureen Levinson (Attachment F)
Motion to write a letter: **Moved** by Maureen, **seconded** by Bob; **25-1-0**; Heather opposed; **passed**.

20. **Historic-Cultural Monument Designation for Weddington Golf & Tennis 4141 Whitsett Ave., Studio City CA 91604 ENV-2020-1512-EIR Case No. CHC-2020- 7764-HCM.**

See City Council File for all reports:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0470>

Discussion & Possible Motion with CIS to the PLUM Committee: The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports the Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) decision, as written, to nominate Studio City Golf and Tennis Club 4141 Whitsett Ave., Studio City, CA 91604 to be included in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments. The CHC determined that the entire subject property conforms with the definition of a Monument under Section 22.171.7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code. The Commission also voted to change the proposed monument's name back to "Studio City Golf and Tennis Club" to reflect the original, historic name.

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0470_misc_04-26-21.pdf

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0470_misc_1_04-26-21.pdf

Moved by Cathy Wayne; **seconded** by Nickie; Don related that the property is being acquired by Westlake; he doesn't know if it would be appropriate to interfere with agreements that they have at the moment, if they have plans and have to present to us before we make that designation. Jason Spradlin supports Don on this. **20-0-6**; Ellen, Travis, André, Don, Teresa & Jason abstained; **passed**.

21. **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (Discussion, Possible Action, Letter &/or CIS Submission) R. Greenberg**
WRAC held a meeting on June 21st at 6:00pm

a) **WRAC Motion Carried over from 05/26/2021 Board Meeting:**

Motion – 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.

- While remote work is not a panacea for the climate crisis, making the practice more widespread and available in Los Angeles could help to reduce commuter traffic, which would have the benefit of reducing vehicle air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Teleworking is just one of many tools in our toolbox that we must utilize to fight the climate crisis and create sustainable air quality improvements to our region.
- By improving air quality, we also create healthier Angelenos. Air pollution is linked to a host of health problems and makes people more vulnerable to COVID-19. A recent UCLA study found that approximately 14,000 premature deaths could be avoided annually if California decreases greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050. Underserved communities who suffer the most from air pollution would see disproportionately higher level of benefits from cleaner air, the study also found.
- BABCNC actively supports the City studying these issues further and exploring their timely implementation in the City of Los Angeles. (Attachment G)

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0498>

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Mindy **moved**; Maureen Smith **seconded**. Detailed discussion was held. Mindy noted that it may sound nebulous but that the point is to move in the direction that we have too many cars on the road creating pollution, to find a way to reduce the pollution. Irene would encourage people not to drive anywhere, but she hates to have incentives when our budget is so crazy for the current needs, with the pandemic which is still not over. Mindy noted that it might be a tax break, not necessarily giving people money; it is a mindset. André does not like authorizing the government to do something that is undefined, and Chuck is against government spending and government control of business.

Heather Roy agrees that it is forward thinking to create incentives to work from home, noting that everyone running a business is having problems with retention, and she supports it. Patricia Murphy noted that it is more about agreeing to have something in principle, to be forward thinking, that it is important for government to be encouraging with incentives. We are in the middle of terrible global warming and we are taking a principled stance.

Jason noted that he tends to agree with Chuck on this; doesn't think the government should step in and tell people how to run business though he thinks fewer people driving would be great.

Travis noted that the motion has a number of elements to it: Three have to do with the City taking on telecommuting staggered work programs... one element is looking for a report back from the CLA on any financial mechanisms on incentivizing private businesses and looking for funding. He noted that we could amend this motion and say we support the city implementing work from home practices but we don't wish to make comment on the incentives piece if that is the will of the majority. He noted that the balance of the text has a lot to do with the city leading by example and there is one section on getting a report on fiscal incentives for private businesses.

Robert Ringler related that incentives have already been offered, e.g., UCLA with mobile vans, freeways with HOV lanes, etc., and sees nothing wrong with having incentives as public policy, to put on the record how flexible people can be and be rewarded for it. He thinks it is a plus especially for those of us in the canyons and that we need to think outside the box; he supports this. **12 yes; 6 No;** Chuck, Jason, Philip, Donald, André & Robert S.; **4 Abstentions:** Teresa, Maureen Levinson, Nickie & Dr. Garfield, **passed.**

[Motions 21.b through e were deferred to next month due to time restraints](#)

- b) **Motion** – BABCNC opposes the City's use of Specific Plans that would result in up-zoning open space and/or low-density residential neighborhoods. The use of specific plans in this manner creates significant negative impacts for all residential communities, the environment and natural resources. We urge our City Councilmembers to reject land use applications for individual development projects that represent a misuse of the Specific plan process. We ask that the City Council inform the Planning Department not to process these types of requests (**Attachment H**) **Deferred**
- c) **Motion** - BABCNC requests that the Los Angeles City Council postpone consideration of Council File #12-0460-S4 (The Processes and Procedures Amendment to the City Charter) for a minimum of six months in order to enable further community presentations and feedback. The documents in this file, including technical amendments and attachments, are over 900 pages. To date there have been approximately 3 meetings of 1.5 hours each for the Department of Planning to summarize this extensive document and receive limited feedback. Further, "technical amendments" were made prior to the PLUM committee's June 1 consideration which incorporated more than just technical changes that need review and feedback. The language supporting the Neighborhood Councils' charter-given authority to hold public hearings and provide public comment and feedback concerning matters of land use must be restored to the Processes and Procedures amendment sections to ensure it complies with the Los Angeles City Charter and the specific authority it grants to Neighborhood Councils. The community engagement has been insufficient to conduct a full review of the substantial changes involving land use authority and procedures. Further we encourage that the Los Angeles City Council obtain Cumis counsel (independent counsel) to review the document in its entirety to ensure that no transfer of City Council authority occurs as a result of this document and that final authority regarding land use matters remains with the City Council pursuant to the City Charter. There are numerous instances where authority appears to be vested in the Director of Planning, an unelected official, which may be in violation of the City Charter. (**Attachment I**) **Deferred**
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- d) **Motion** – BABCNC supports Assembly Constitutional Amendment 7 (Muratsuchi/Glazer), which would place on the ballot for voter decision a Constitutional amendment to restore local governmental control over land use, zoning and planning decisions. (The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils has expressed support for local land use control in five of its adopted positions: Oppose SB 827, SB 50, SB 9 and SB 10; Support SB 15). (**Attachment J**) **Deferred**
- e) **Reports by BABCNC Representatives on WRAC Committees: Deferred**
- Robinson Farber, WRAC Homelessness Committee
 - Nickie Miner, WRAC Transportation Committee
 - Travis Longcore, PhD, WRAC Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC)

22. Elections to Fill Board Vacancies

- a) **Process of voting for nominees.** Any nomination must be seconded by another Board Member. Majority vote of Board is required to succeed to vacant seat. If there are more than two nominees, a subsequent runoff vote may be required until one nominee receives a majority vote.

Larry related that it is the prerogative of the board to decide whether they wish to fill these vacancies or not. You can make a statement to sway the vote or table it. We removed the exclusive power of the President to now include board member.

- b) **Bel Air Glen District:** Nominations and Election by the Board to fill the vacant Bel Air Glen District seat. **First Candidate** Robert Ringler **moved** to nominate **Philip Enderwood**; Maureen Levinson **seconded**. Larry Leisten related that he would abstain from this vote.
Second Candidate: Cathy Wayne **moved** to nominate **Maureen Smith; seconded** by André Stojka. Robin Greenberg called for show of hands on Zoom, in favor of Philip Enderwood and in favor of Maureen Smith. Due to confusion during voice counts of Zoom- & real-hand votes, the minutes-taker asked if there could be a roll call vote. As it was felt that we could not rely on results a roll call vote was taken.
Roll call for Philip Enderwood yielded 11 yes votes: Robin, Wendy, Robert S., Don Loze, Teresa Lee, Kristie, Maureen L., Shawn, Philip, Robert Ringler & Dan Palmer.
Roll call for Maureen Smith yielded 11 yes votes: Irene, André, Nickie, Mindy, Travis, Maureen S., Cathy, Heather, Jacqueline, Ellen & Patricia.
 There were **4 abstentions:** Larry; Dr. Garfield, Jason & Chuck. Neither of the candidates had a majority, and the position would remain unfilled until the next board meeting.
- c) **Faith-Based:** Nominations from the Board, and Election by the Board to fill the vacant Faith-Based Institutions Robert **moved** and Larry **seconded** to **nominate Jacqueline Le Kennedy**. Jacqueline accepted the nomination and noted that she works with a lot of faith-based institutions for the past several years and would like to continue doing so, in particularly in the BABCNC area. **Original count: 17-0-0; passed.** Ellen added that maybe Mindy didn't have the yellow hand up, to which Mindy confirmed that she had her regular hand up. **18-0-0; passed.**

23. **Seating of New Board Members:**

Vacancies filled today:

JACQUELINE LE KENNEDY, Faith-Based Institutions (Elected by the Board to fill the vacancy on 06/30/2021)

DAVID SCOTT KADIN, Benedict Canyon Association (appointed by the BCA 06/30/2021)

VADIM LEVOTMAN, for Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association (appointed by the DSPNA 06/30/2021)

Seats filled at the June 8th Election

MARK P. GOODMAN, Bel-Air District

STEVEN L. WEINBERG, Franklin-Coldwater District

PATRICIA MURPHY, North of Sunset District

KRISTIE HOLMES, Public Educational Institutions

SHAWN BAYLISS, Commercial or Office Enterprise

MINDY ROTHSTEIN MANN, At-Large Traditional Stakeholder

ELLEN EVANS, At-Large Community Interest Stakeholder

GAIL SROLOFF, At-Large Traditional Stakeholder – Absent

YVES MIESZALA, North of Sunset District – Absent

ASHER BARONDES, At-Large Youth Representative Absent

Additional Board Comments:

- Irene Sandler noted that her internet has been in and out of connection this evening.

- Larry Leisten related that in addition to upcoming officer elections and reconstitutions of committees in July, we will have an opportunity for the board to approve Alternates for various seat representatives who would relish an Alternate to sit in for them in the event they cannot attend the meeting. This may be a consolation for individuals who were unsuccessful in the election. Alternate positions are open and the board will place this on the July meeting agenda along with the committee assignments.

- David Scott Kadin introduced himself as the new President of the Benedict Canyon Association (BCA). He has been appointed to the BABCNC board by the BCA. He thanked us and hopes to work to further the goals of the BABCNC. [David is filling the seat vacated by BCA's Mindy Mann who was elected to an At-Large seat.]

- Nickie Miner asked who Vadim Levotman is and it was noted that he has been appointed by Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association (DSPNA) to fill the seat vacated by Ellen Evans who was elected to an At-Large seat.

24. **Good of the Order**

- Robin thanked Larry for his service, noting that we will miss him and that we value his time, energy, thoughts and cohesiveness, that we have never had a problem, though we have differences of opinion; we always come out in a good light. She thanked him for everything he does.

- Robin sent her congratulations to Asher Barondes, our new Youth Representative.

- Nickie praised Robin for being a great leader and noted that we all love, respect, honor & thank her.

25. **Adjournment**

Next Board Meeting: July 28th – Officer Elections & Reinstating Committees