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Agenda

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

Officer Elections & Reinstating of Committees

Wednesday July 28, 2021 7:00pm - 9:00pm

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- General Public Comment is limited to one (1) minute per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer.

1. **Call to Order, Flag Salute & Roll Call** (Quorum 15) – Robin Greenberg, President

Motion: Approve July 28, 2021 AGENDA

2. **Motion:** Approve June 30, 2021 Meeting MINUTES (Attachment A)

3. **General Public Comment:** 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.

4. **Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies: CD4 & CD5**

5. **Officer Reports**

- President – Robin Greenberg**
- Vice President of Operations – Ellen Evans**
- Vice President of Legislative Affairs – Jamie Hall**
- Secretary – Robert Ringler**
- Treasurer – Nickie Miner (Update, Discussion & Possible Action)**

Motion: Approval of June 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (Attachment B)

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

6. **Planning & Land Use** – Robert Schlesinger, Chair / Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair:

a) Report by Chair: The PLUC met on Zoom Tuesday July 13th & recommended the Board take the following action:

i. **DIR-2020-7484-DRB-SPP-MSP 15408 W MULHOLLAND DR 90077 (Stephen Wise Drive)**

Project Description: THE DEMOLITION OF TWO EXISTING BUILDINGS, TWO EXISTING PLAYGROUNDS, AND A SURFACE PARKING LOT AND CONSTRUCTION, USE, AND MAINTENANCE OF A NEW 21,000 SQUARE-FOOT TWO-STORY BUILDING AND RECONFIGURATION

Applicant: SHARON SPIRA-CUSHNIR [Stephen Wise Temple]

Representative: MATT DZUREC [ARMBRUSTER GOLDSMITH & DELVAC LLP]

PLU Motion: To approve project. <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjQyNjgz0>

ii. **APCSV-2019-3173 -SPE-DRB-SPP-MSP, 13850 MULHOLLAND DR 90210**

Project Description:

Revised Language Applicant will communicate to Planning Department:

Mulholland Specific Plan Project permit compliance and design review for an addition as well as a slight variation for over-in-height roofline to SFD, new pool house, ADU and maintain encroachment of existing retaining wall within roadway right-of-way.

Applicant: WILLIAM B. RANDOLPH [THE LITTLE PUMPKIN TRUST]

Representative: DAMIAN CATALAN [DC EXPEDITING, INC.]

PLU Motion: To approve project as listed above, with the condition of replacing fencing with wildlife permeable material along the frontage, replacement of the one walnut tree at a 4:1 ratio, and that it is subject to the approval of the MDRB.

iii. **Discussion & Possible Motion:** The PLU Committee is putting forward a letter on the Ridgeline Ordinance for consideration by the Board. **(Attachment C)**

7. **Outreach** – Ellen Evans, Chair: The committee met virtually on 07/12/2021 @ 12:00pm and held a virtual Town Hall on Fire Prepared Communities on 07/14/2021 with speakers from Tree People introduced by Mindy Mann, Chair of BABCNC’s Ad Hoc Environmental Issues Committee

8. **Home Sharing and Party House Ordinance Committee** - Ellen Evans, Chair: Committee meets virtually 07/29/2021 @ 12:00pm with guest speaker, Planning Consultant for Host Compliance, to talk about short term rental (STR) regulations.

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees

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

9. **Task Force on Redistricting** – Chair, Travis Longcore, Ph.D.

a) Update/Report by Chair: The Committee met on Zoom on July 19th @ 5:00pm and recommended that the Board take the following actions:

- i. **Motion:** *Whereas* Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council represents an area that is contiguous and bounded by natural boundaries of the 405 Freeway, Sunset Boulevard, Laurel Canyon Boulevard, and Mulholland Drive; and *Whereas* Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council and its stakeholders share a common identity that is characterized by the opportunities and challenges of hillside living, including appreciation of the natural landscape and wildlife, presence and risks of wildfire, concern about hillside development patterns, issues arising from traffic including the four major boulevards that connect the Westside to the San Fernando Valley, and shared engagement in the same commercial neighborhoods to the south where many residents work and shop; and *Whereas* the City of Los Angeles Redistricting Commission is soliciting input on communities of interest in advance of receiving census data to draw new lines; *Therefore* BABCNC authorizes its Redistricting Task Force to submit a letter to the City of Los Angeles Redistricting Commission stating these position and requesting that BABCNC be kept within a single council district that oriented to the Westside and to submit a Community Impact Statement to the City of Los Angeles Redistricting Commission reflecting the same. **(Attachment D)**

Elections of Board Officers, Committee Members/Chairpersons

Pursuant to our rules of order, nominations may also be made from the floor during the meeting. Committee Chairs are nominated by the President (Bylaws 3(b) (1) and (2)).

10. Elections of Board Officers

- i. **President** - Nominees: Travis Longcore, Asher Barondes
- ii. **Vice President of Operations** - Nominees:
- iii. **Vice President of Legislative Affairs** - Nominees: Robin Greenberg, Robert Ringler
- iv. **Treasurer** - Nominees: Nickie Miner, Vadim Levotman
- v. **Secretary** - Nominees: Robin Greenberg

11. Elections of Standing Committee Members & Chairs

(Current Committee Members & Chairs and Nominations Are Listed for Reference in Attachment E)

- i. **Consideration of Standing Rule on Committee Membership.**
Motion: That BABCNC adopt a standing rule that sets the maximum number of members of any standing or *ad hoc* committee at 15 members and establishes that Board members will make up no less than 80% of the total number of members of standing committees and 50% of ad hoc committees.
- ii. **Executive** – Will be comprised of the President, the two VPs, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President and Standing Committee Chairs
- iii. **Planning & Land Use**
- iv. **Bylaws, Standing Rules & Elections**
- v. **Budget & Finance**
- vi. **Neighborhood Purpose Grant**
- vii. **Outreach**
- viii. **Emergency Preparedness**
- ix. **Traffic**
- x. **Public Works and Telecommunications**

12. Re-authorization of Ad Hoc Committees and Election of Members & Chairs

(Current Committee Members & Chairs, and Nominees Are Listed for Reference in Attachment E)

- i. **Environmental Issues**
- ii. **Home Sharing and Party House Ordinance Enforcement**
- iii. **Teleconference Meetings after Safer-At-Home Order**
- iv. **LADBS Policies**
- v. **Film Permits and Other Commercial Use of Residential Property**
- vi. **Task Force on Redistricting**
- vii. **Homelessness**
- viii. **Tree Removals and Notification**

13. Election of Alliance Representatives

- i. Appoint a Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Rep. (Meet 1st Saturday mornings. Next: 08/07)
- ii. Appoint a Neighborhood Council Sustainability Committee Rep. <https://www.ncsa.la/>
- iii. Appoint a WRAC Rep. (Robin is currently secretary of WRAC and would love to continue if it is desire of the board.)

New Business

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

14. **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)**

15. Discussion & Possible Motion: Consider potential BABCNC response to the Board of Commissioners, DONE, and BONC. The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners is considering changes to the code of conduct which may have profound effects on neighborhood councils and board members. Among the amendments is one that would allow the general manager of DONE to suspend individual NC board members. The policy also extends to NC committee members who are not board members. No finding of fact would be required to suspend someone. A mere allegation is sufficient. - See numbered paragraph 6 at the link below.

<https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/CODE-OF-CONDUCT-AMENDMENT-07162021.pdf>

16. Discussion & Possible Motion: Send letter in opposition to approval of a cannabis retail business at the commercial center at 2323 Roscomare, to the Department of Cannabis Regulation. **(Attachment G)**

17. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (Discussion, Possible Action, Letter &/or CIS Submission) R. Greenberg WRAC held a meeting on July 19th at 6:00pm and recommended the BABCNC board take the following actions:

- a) **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)**
- b) **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)**
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=cfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=12-0460-S4>
- c) **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)**
- d) **Reports by BABCNC Representatives on WRAC Committees:**
 - Robinson Farber, WRAC Homelessness Committee
 - Nickie Miner, WRAC Transportation Committee
 - Travis Longcore, PhD, WRAC Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC)

18. Good of the Order

19. Adjournment

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