

**Draft Minutes**

**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Monthly Board Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday July 28, 2021, 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.**

2021/2022 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association		
<i>Irene Sandler</i>	X	
Bel Air Association		
<i>Vacant</i>		
Bel Air District		
<i>Mark Goodman, M.D.</i>	X	
Bel Air Glen District		
<i>Vacant</i>		
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, PLU Chair</i>	X	
<i>Donald Loze</i>	X	
<i>Nickie Miner, Treasurer</i>	X	
<i>David Scott Kadin</i>	X	
Casiano Estates Association		
<i>Robert Garfield, DDS</i>	X	

Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (Alternate is Rob Farber)		
<i>Shawn Bayliss</i>	X	
Custodians of Open Space		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D., Parliamentarian</i>	X	
Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association (Alternate is Barbara Dawson)		
<i>Vadim Levotman</i>	X	
Faith-Based Organizations		
<i>Jacqueline Le Kennedy</i>	X	
Franklin-Coldwater District		
<i>Stephen Weinberg</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>Gail Sroloff, Traditional</i>	X	
<i>Mindy Rothstein Mann, Traditional</i>	X	
<i>Ellen Evans, Community Interest</i>	X	

<i>Asher Barondes, Youth Seat</i>	X	
North of Sunset District (<i>Alternates are Stella Grey and Barbara Dawson</i>)		
<i>Stella Grey standing in for 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:	28	3 absent & 2 vacancies

1. **Call to Order, Flag Salute & Roll Call** (Quorum 15) – Robin Greenberg, President called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Secy. Ringler called roll with 26 present initially; J. Hall & J. Spradlin arrived for total of **28 present**. **Motion:** Approve July 28, 2021 AGENDA: **Moved** by R. Ringler; **seconded** by M. Mann; **26-0-0; passed**
2. **Motion:** Approve June 30, 2021 Meeting MINUTES (**Attachment A**) **Moved:** by Members Roy & Stojka. Cathy Wayne noted that voting of the Bel Air Glen seat doesn't show the first vote taken and needs to show that. It only shows the second vote. **Amended motion** to approve the minutes with addition of voice votes for Bel Air Glen District seat taken at the 06/30 meeting. **25 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention;** Member Sroloff
- David Scott Kadin later added comment for the minutes that Matt Post is no longer an alternate for BCA.
3. **General Public Comment:**
Member Ringler related that he has lived in the canyon for a long time; now jets are coming over regularly. **Allison MacCracken** noted that at the June 17th Public Hearing on the Ridgeline Ordinance, she heard members of this board support this ordinance. She noted that unless you have written consent, you cannot make collective statements on her behalf; that the NC does not represent a particular association unless it has the authority to do so.
4. **Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies: CD4 & CD5**
 - a) **Janet Turner from the office of Congressman Ted Lieu** noted that the VA's Chief of Staff, Tanya Bradsher, Chief of Staff, US Department of Veterans, came to WLA VA to reiterate the new VA Secretary's commitment to end veteran homelessness and to make housing of veterans on the WLA VA campus a priority of his administration. On the regular homeless front, the American Rescue Plan has delivered to Los Angeles 3,295 housing vouchers to be used primarily for homeless people. The Congressman has made homelessness an important priority of his. She congratulated all the new board members and welcome back to the others.
 - b) **Jarrett Thompson from Council District 5, representing Councilmember Paul Koretz,** noted that city council had been in recess and that today is their first day back.
 - Keep your eye on LAMC 41.18 re sleeping, sitting, lying on sidewalk, obstructing right of ways; in the very early stages. <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1376-S1>
 - Ord Draft: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1376-S1_ord_draft_6-30-21.pdf
 - CM Koretz signed a motion requesting the Board of Sanitation (BOS) to immediately report back on the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant leak of July 11th, and how to mitigate and prevent this from happening again.
 - Monday August 9th 6–9 P.M. LAWA will be hosting a virtual meeting with the FAA presenting new proposed redesign for departures from Van Nuys Airport, with an opportunity to submit questions & public comments.
 - Councilmember Koretz with CM Raman and Krekorian, and City Attorney Mike Feuer announced the City would sue re FAA decision on Burbank Airport Terminal Expansion.
 - Proposed Ridgeline Ordinance: Still working to get public comment & extended public comment to August 2nd.

c) **Erin Seinfeld from Supervisor Sheila Kuehl** sent a written report, from which President Greenberg read including that Metro is holding three scoping hearings in August on a possible change to toll road on the 1-405 between the 101 & the 10. Sign up for Kuehl Happenings Newsletter at <https://supervisorkuehl.com/email/>

5. Officer Reports

- i. **President – Robin Greenberg:** It is her last meeting as President; she enjoyed every second of it. She loves each of us and hopes these good feelings last.
- ii. **Vice President of Operations – Ellen Evans'** noted that her only report is to say what a great honor it has been working with Robin.
- iii. **Vice President of Legislative Affairs – Jamie Hall** noted that it has been a pleasure being in this role this year; a strange year with no opportunity to go and speak at City Hall. There is still a lot of unfinished work – on the wildlife corridor ordinance, a worthwhile ordinance to promote, work on, refine. He concluded that the next VP of LA has a lot of good work ahead of them.
- iv. **Secretary – Robert Ringler** related that it has been an honor to work with all the executive board. He wishes everyone lots of luck and he agrees with Jamie about the importance of the wildlife corridor.
- v. **Treasurer – Nickie Miner (Update, Discussion & Possible Action):** Treasurer Miner related that it has been great working with President Greenberg, VP of Ops Evans, VP Legislative Affairs Hall, and Secretary Ringler. She expects we will continue to work with each other and is looking forward to the rollover funds for this fiscal year's budget. **Motion:** Approval of June 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachment B**) **Moved** by Member Wayne; **seconded** by Member Schlesinger; roll call vote was taken. **24-0-0; 5 absent; 2 ineligible; (2 vacancies); passed.**

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>

Chair Schlesinger introduced Tami Weiser, Head of School, of the Elementary School at Stephen Wise Temple who noted that this is a pre-school early childhood center project. Construction begins in January 2022, anticipate it will take approximately 18 months. Most of the students will be housed on campus within classrooms. Other classes will be held at Leo Baeck. There will be no additional trailers. Representative Matt Dzurec noted that this is a replacement of existing buildings, and as part of the approval they are seeking to increase from 505 to 605 within the existing classroom facilities along with the new building, over time, with phased potential future enrollment. **Motion** to approve the project **moved** by Chair Schlesinger; **seconded** by Vice Chair Savage. **27-0-1**; Member Sandler abstained; **passed**.

- 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.

Vice Chair Savage introduced the project, noting that the PLUC reviewed this at least four times over the last year and a half; the project has made reasonable accommodations. The PLUC approved these entitlement requests at our last meeting, and added three conditions: to replace 1 walnut tree at a 4:1 ratio, replace the existing fencing in the front yard with wildlife accessible fencing, and that approval would be conditioned upon the approval of the Mulholland Design Review Board (MDRB). **Motion** to approve **Moved** by Vice Chair Savage; **seconded** by Member Wayne; **25 yes; 0 no; 3 abstentions**: Members Roy, Levotman and Kadin; **passed**.

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

Public Comment:

Anthony de los Reyes lives on Stradella spoke strongly against the proposed ordinance; said he understands concern about the environment but finds it inappropriate, noting that if his house were to be destroyed, he would not be able to rebuild or add a second story; the value will drop. He is a member of the Police Commission and other commissions.

William Grundfest, homeowner on Linda Flora, strongly opposes the ridgeline ordinance, which he states would make homes nonconforming. He asked that the council protect homeowners like his family.

IHNIKfar spoke in opposition to the ridgeline ordinance, noting that it would devalue her property, homes would become non-confirming, financing and insurance would be difficult to obtain, and that it would flag an entire area as risky for lenders and insurance companies.

Don Hardison supports the prior two homeowners, noting that the letter is in the right directions, and he appreciates moving in the right direction after all this time. He noted that the ordinance is misguided.

Richard MacCracken from 2008 Linda Flora has been reviewing the draft letter that the council wants to send to the city and cannot understand the bullet point – evaluating the need and result of the RP2 zone; stating that it is an obscure paragraph. He would want to make it clear that they do not see any basis for treating ridgeline neighborhoods differently than other neighborhoods in the canyons and that they should all be treated the same.

Jordan Metzner noted that this is the second meeting he has joined; recently purchased his home on Linda Flora. He thinks the PLU project on Stephen Wise Temple was easily approved and that this ordinance will destroy every value of his home.

Patricia Templeton lives in Bel Air on the ridgeline and thanked the NC for recognizing the depth of feeling of the homeowners. She supports protections for pristine ridgelines but opposes restrictions on ridgeline homes that were not placed on other hillside homes.

Honey Nikfar noted that there were several mansions that should not have received permits to build on such a grand scale, and because of them the city is unjustly penalizing the remaining areas, which is a mistake of the city in issuing these permits and now she is being limited in building her home. She'd like us to take into consideration that we should enjoy our land and our decisions are really affecting their households. She wishes we stand in line with them.

Dr. Robert Garfield is speaking on behalf of himself and his HOA to say that we are all opposed to this ridgeline ordinance for all the reasons that have been stated this evening already. We feel that we should not be restricted to rebuild or to do any of the modifications that are necessary for various reasons.

Chuck Maginnis said hello to everybody, thanked everyone for their kind words to him when he recently stepped down from the neighborhood council. Regarding the ridgeline, he appreciates that the intention is to protect our ridgelines from hotels and massive development. He noted that Councilmember Koretz's office is holding off and re-looking at this. He noted that he sees his house on the list. He opined that it shouldn't come at the expense of the existing homeowners. He hopes that we pass Attachment "C". He thinks until these guidelines are amended he wouldn't be in favor of this ordinance.

Public Comment was closed.

Motion was **moved** by Member Longcore and **seconded** by Member Morris to approve this letter with some additional language regarding enforcement, adding on the bullet point about grading and some enforcement to the grading section. Member Longcore noted that there is going to be a re-writing, including what constitutes a nonconforming use; make sure that this is not an ordinance overwritten by other ordinances and that there is clarity. We have requested that Planning hold a separate hearing on the revised ordinance before this goes to the Planning Commission. **28-0-0; passed.**

7. **Outreach** – Ellen Evans, Chair: The committee met virtually on 07/12/2021 @ 12:00 P.M. 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. Chair Evans recommended that everyone look at the recording of this town hall on the website.

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees

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

8. **Ad Hoc Home Sharing and Party House Ordinance Committee** - Ellen Evans, Chair: Committee will meet virtually on 07/29/2021 @ 12:00 P.M. with guest speaker, Planning Consultant for Host Compliance, to talk about short term rental (STR) regulations. - Chair Evans noted that they have an exciting meeting tomorrow with guest speaker Jeffrey Goodman, from Host Compliance, the service that municipalities use for STR regulation.

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

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

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)**

Member Longcore introduced the item, noting that the committee went over the draft letter circulated with the agenda; the motion was written before they finalized the letter and does what the letter says.

Moved by Member Longcore, and **seconded** by Member Wayne. Discussion was held. It was noted that there is a meeting for CD4 on August 4th. Suggestions were made that we do a poll of our membership and that where we have active HOAs, it would be great to get them engaged and testify at one of these hearings. **28-0-0; passed**

Elections of Board Officers, Committee Members/Chairpersons

10. Elections of Board Officers

President – Accepted Nominations: Member Travis Longcore and Member Ellen Evans.

A roll call vote showed 21 votes for Longcore (Sandler, Greenberg, Morris, Stojka, Schlesinger, Loze, Miner, Kadin, Garfield, Longcore, Le Kennedy, Wimbish, Spradlin, Savage, Wayne, Roy, Sroloff, Mann, Bayliss, Ringler, and Palmer) and 6 votes for Evans (Hall, Evans, Barondes, Grey, Levotman, and Murphy).

Travis Longcore elected **President**.

Vice President of Operations – Accepted Nomination: Member Robin Greenberg

Vote by Acclamation for **Robin Greenberg** was **unanimous**, for her new position as **VP of Operations**.

Vice President of Legislative Affairs – Accepted Nomination: Jamie Hall

Vote by Acclamation for **Jamie Hall** was **unanimous** for his continued position as **VP of Legislative Affairs**.

Treasurer – Accepted Nominations: Member Nicole Miner and Member Vadim Levotman.

A roll call vote was taken by the President with 13 votes for Levotman (Loze, Kadin, Garfield, Wimbish, Spradlin, Savage, Roy, Evans, Barondes, Grey, Levotman, Murphy, and Palmer) for Vadim Levotman and 12 votes for Miner (Sandler, Greenberg, Morris, Stojka, Schlesinger, Le Kennedy, Hall, Wayne, Sroloff, Mann, Bayliss, and Ringler).

Vadim Levotman elected **Board Treasurer**

Secretary - Accepted Nominations: Member Nicole Miner

Vote by Acclamation for **Nicole Miner** was **unanimous** for her new position as **Board Secretary**.

11. Elections of Standing Committee Members & Chairs (Attachment E)

[President Longcore noted that people cannot self nominate as a stakeholder committee member but must be nominated by a board member.]

- i. **Consideration of Standing Rule on Committee Membership.** The Executive Committee moved the following: **Motion**: That BABCNC adopt a standing rule that sets the maximum number of *regular* members of any standing or *ad hoc* committee at 15 members and establishes that regular Board members will make up no less than 80% of the total number of members of standing committees and 50% of ad hoc committees.

President Longcore introduced this item, explaining the goal and functions of committees and the reasons for the above motion.

The only public comment was provided by Board Member Loze as to the obligations of committee members which he hoped would include a willingness to dig deeply into legislative history of the things we have been working on and the existence of what there is in the city regulations and the charter, as we are here to advise the councilmembers. President Longcore took that message as an encouragement that everyone take committee work seriously, as it is the place where the really hard work goes on at the neighborhood council, and, especially board members not yet nominated to a committee, to think about this as we go through these committees. Public Comment on Item #11 as a whole was closed.

President Longcore inserted the word “regular” members into the motion with the permission of the board, and noted that by virtue of the office, the president is a member of all committees, which should not be counted to the limit. Member Wayne **moved** and Member Stojka **seconded** the motion. It was noted that the limit of 50% would not count the ex officio membership of the president.

Amendment: That ad hoc committees be no less than 60% board members **moved** by Secretary Miner; **seconded** by Member Sroloff. President Longcore noted that the board votes on the committee; when you put forward a slate for that committee, ensure at that time that it has no less than 60% board members. We can amend committees if we follow this rule.

[At 9:04 pm, President Longcore announced that this will be a long night notifying those in attendance that the meeting would continue past the agenda’s closing time of 9:00 pm.]

Discussion was held on the amendment. [At 9:05 pm, Robert Ringler left the meeting.]

Vote on the Amendment of having no less than 60% being board members: **3 yes**: Members Miner, Sroloff, and Garfield with **1 abstention** from Member Wayne. The **rest were no votes** and **the motion did not carry**.

Vote on the Motion carried by **25 yes** and **1 abstention** from Member Miner.

- ii. **Executive** – Set by virtue of office, comprised of the President, the two VPs, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President and Standing Committee Chairs – no election.

iii. **Planning & Land Use** – President Longcore recognized incumbent Chair, Member Schlesinger, to make a motion for a slate of candidates. Member Schlesinger **moved** to include 12 regular members: Shawn Bayliss, Jamie Hall, Don Loze, Yves Mieszala, Nickie Miner, Wendy Morris, Stephanie Savage, Robert Schlesinger, Jason Spradlin, Cathy Wayne, Andre Stojka, and Robin Greenberg, 3 stakeholder non-board members Stella Grey, Maureen Levinson and Leslie Weisberg, plus Travis Longcore, Ex Officio member, all of whom represent a range of geographic area within the neighborhood council.

- President Longcore acknowledged that there are stakeholders who expressed an interest in being on the PLU Committee and that the only people who have the power to nominate someone or move to be elected are board members. A board member could motion to replace. There were no motions to amend this list.
- The **motion** to elect the members listed **passed unanimously**, electing those members to the PLU Committee.
- President Longcore noted that the Chair of the committee is subject to the approval of the board and he nominated Robert (Bob) Schlesinger. **Member Schlesinger** was **confirmed** after nomination to be the **Chair of the Land Use Committee** for another year **by all 26 present and voting**.

iv. **Bylaws, Rules & Elections:** Member Cathy Wayne **moved** to seat members Ellen Evans, Robin Greenberg, Travis Longcore (Ex Officio member), Robert Schlesinger, Cathy Wayne, Shawn Bayliss, Jacqueline Le Kennedy and Maureen Smith. No objections to this slate of 6 regular members, 1 stakeholder- and 1 ex officio member. Member Robin Greenberg nominated Larry Leisten; amending the slate to 6 regular, 2 stakeholders, and 1 ex officio. Member Nickie Miner self nominated, without objections, amending to 7 regular, 2 stakeholders, and 1 ex officio. Member Gail Sroloff volunteered and Jon Wimbush accepted President Longcore’s nomination to the committee, raising number to 9 regular board members, 2 stakeholders and 1 ex officio

Vote was taken on the following members of the BR&E Committee: 9 regular Ellen Evans, Robin Greenberg, Cathy Wayne, Robert Schlesinger, Shawn Bayliss, Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Nickie Miner, Gail Sroloff and Jon Wimbish, 2 stakeholders Larry Leisten and Maureen Smith, and 1 ex officio member, President Longcore. Voice vote approving this slate was **unanimous**

President Longcore nominated Maureen Smith to chair this committee. **Maureen Smith** accepted the nomination and was **confirmed** as chair **by all 25 voting**. Travis later announced that **Cathy Wayne** will chair Bylaws & Rules if Maureen is precluded from doing so.

v. **Budget & Finance:** Outgoing Treasurer Nickie Miner nominated an election slate of newly-elected Treasurer, Vadim Levotman, Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Cathy Wayne, Robin Greenberg; Robert Schlesinger, Dr. Robert Garfield nominated himself, Travis Longcore, ex officio. Cathy Wayne moved and Robert Schlesinger seconded to nominate stakeholder Robinson Farber for a total of 7 board members, one stakeholder and one ex officio. Robert Schlesinger removed himself with 6 board members, one stakeholder and one ex officio remaining.

Vote was taken on the following members of the B&F Committee: 6 regular: Treasurer Vadim Levotman, Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Cathy Wayne, Robin Greenberg; Dr. Robert Garfield and Outgoing Treasurer Nickie Miner, 1 stakeholder, Robinson Farber & 1 ex officio, Travis Longcore, Ph.D. Vote was **unanimous**.

President Longcore nominated **Nickie Miner as Chair of B&F** and vote was **unanimous**. She will work hand in glove with Vadim in the transition with the books.

Jacqueline asked if Cathy Wayne could be assistant treasurer. Travis noted that the position is optional, however, he would prefer to revisit this at a later date.

vi. **Neighborhood Purpose Grant:** Member Stojka **moved** to nominate Ellen Evans, Nickie Miner, Robin Greenberg, Robert Schleinger and Vadim Levotman; and Mindy Mann volunteered.

Vote was taken to approve the following members of the NPG Committee: 7 regular: André Stojka, Ellen Evans, Nickie Miner, Robin Greenberg, Robert Schleinger, Vadim Levotman and Mindy Mann; 0 stakeholders; and Travis Longcore, Ex Officio member. The vote was **unanimous by all 26 voting**. President Longcore nominated **Member André Stojka** to chair for another term, and the vote was **unanimous**.

- vii. **Outreach:** Member Evans announced that she would not be continuing on the committee. She noted that the members of the Outreach Committee currently are Robin Greenberg, Mindy Mann, Nickie Miner, Robert Schlesinger, André Stojka and Heather Roy = 6 regular members and 1 stakeholder, Maureen Smith. There was no objection and the list was **approved unanimously.**

President Longcore nominated VP of Operations, **Robin Greenberg**, to chair the Outreach Committee, and the vote to confirm was **unanimous**.

Member Greenberg related that former member and Bylaws, Rules and Elections Chair, Larry Leisten, texted her that according to the bylaws he believes that a non-board member cannot chair a committee. President Longcore thanked him for the text and noted if he made a mistake, he will consult the bylaws and will remedy that. Member Wayne volunteered to chair Bylaws if Maureen could not be chair.

[Member Patricia Murphy left the meeting at this point.]

- viii. **Emergency Preparedness** Member Wayne motioned to seat 5 regular board members: Nickie Miner, Robert Schlesinger, Irene Sandler, Dan Palmer, Jacqueline Le Kennedy, 3 stakeholders, Philip Enderwood, and to add Robinson Farber and Cordell Smith. She noted we will need additional regular board members for those three stakeholders.

Member Stojka noted that we have more stakeholders, Ron Cornell and Bill Kabaker, who have been involved. Regular board member Dr. Robert Garfield volunteered for that committee bringing the regular members to 6. Member Schlesinger recalled that there were one or two people from Brentwood and Maureen Levinson

President Longcore noted that traditionally this committee doesn't produce a lot of motions or votes. He appreciates the way that former Member Chuck Maginnis had run it as an open meeting with education and not a lot of legislation and thinks it has worked very effectively that way. Member Schlesinger noted that we missed Maureen Levinson.

Member Morris opined that this is a different kind of committee and proposed that we don't stick to the above numerical rules for this committee, as the purpose is to get broad expanse of coverage. Member Wayne moved to make it an ad hoc committee so we could go for the 50/50; however, President Longcore noted that ad hoc would be temporary and we want it to be permanent.

Member Loze asked if we have someone to serve as chair because in order for these meetings to occur, it is necessary to do an enormous amount of outreach to other emergency preparedness people in the city and the county, and without Chuck Maginnis he doesn't know if there is anybody on this committee who wants to take charge of those kind of interactions, and they can represent an important faction of the outreach committee, whom he believes should be doing some outreach with respect to emergency preparedness beyond making a name for the neighborhood council.

President Longcore suggested a possible solution that the formal standing committee that we elect here is a handful; a few members that basically run the EP committee and that everybody who wants to participate can be informally members, but the actual appointed members may be three, since we are not anticipating a lot of legislation or votes; a core of people who will be there to make it an official meeting of the neighborhood committee but that it is a wide open list that invites everybody possible.

Member Morris suggested to include Vice President of Ops, Member Greenberg, who will chair Outreach as she believes Member Greenberg will make sure that all the people who participate are informed, and therefore, suggested getting it done by electing core people and going on from there.

Public Comment: Former Board member and Chairman of the EP Committee, Chuck Maginnis, noted that Maureen Levinson is a tremendous asset. He named some of the members of his committee including himself, (Robin Greenberg who was ex officio), Irene Sandler, Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Bob Schlesinger, Dan Palmer as well as Maureen Smith and Luisa Bottari. He noted that without Ron Cornell from Bel Air Ridge, the EP Committee would never have existed. He noted people not yet on his committee but who attend or are interested are Judi Hewitt from Brentwood and Bill Grundfest from Bel Air.

President Longcore related that he didn't think we could resolve this tonight and asked if there is any board member who would like to chair this committee. He recommended that we empower the Outreach Committee to do something with EP over the next month and come back to this next month and do some thinking on how to resolve the structure.

- ix. **Traffic:** Member Sandler's list includes 5 regular board members: Asher Barondes, Nickie Miner, Wendy Morris, Bob Schlesinger; Gail Sroloff & 1 stakeholder: Maureen Smith. President Longcore nominated Member Sandler to chair the committee.

Member Sandler noted stakeholders for further consideration would include Graham Green who has just joined, Maureen Levinson, Joyce Page, Maureen Smith, Leslie Weisberg, Patricia Templeton and Pamela Pierson. She doesn't know who Irene Feeney is.

President Longcore asked Member Sandler if she could nominate one stakeholder or that anybody else nominate someone, and we could vote for the one; come back and revisit these; and to get the committee established.

Member Schlesinger named Maureen Levinson; Member Wayne named Maureen Smith whom she said is here and wants to be here.

[Member Barondes left at 9:58 P.M.]

Member Morris nominated Maureen Smith as the one non-board member. There was no objection to adding Maureen Smith to the slate and voting for the 5 regular board members Asher Barondes, Nickie Miner, Wendy Morris, Bob Schlesinger; Gail Sroloff & 1 stakeholder: Maureen Smith. President Longcore nominated Member Sandler to chair the committee. Confirmation was **unanimous**.

x. **Public Works and Telecommunications – Deferred**

Agenda Items #12 through #15 were deferred

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

President Longcore deferred action on these as they do not expire at this time and we can postpone these to next month.

- 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**) Wendy introduced this item, noting that the application for the cannabis permit submitted for Roscomare. If we end up with this there will be others trying to do it in other canyons. It is not a good place; too dangerous for fires; too far away from police; it's a high cash business, it's asking for trouble. BAHA has written a letter, Attachment, asking for approval of a letter from the NC in support of the BAHA letter.

Discussion was held. Wendy asked for support of the letter, debate was closed and a vote was taken: **22-0-1** with Mindy Mann abstaining; **passed**.

Agenda Items #17 and #18 were deferred due to time constraints at 10:14 P.M.

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=ccfi.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:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 P.M. with President Longcore noting that we have a lot of work ahead. He thanked Immediate Past President Greenberg & Immediate Past Vice President of Operations Evans for all the work that they did and noted that he will count on all of us.

Next Board Meeting: August 25, 2021