



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

Wednesday August 25, 2021, 7:00–9:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Flag Salute**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
Motion: Approve August 25, 2021 Agenda
- 5. Approval of the Minutes**
Motion: Approve July 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A**)

6. General Public Comment

BABCNC welcomes comment from the public on any topic within the Board's jurisdiction but not on the adopted agenda.

7. Comments of Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies

Reports of Officers

8. President – Travis Longcore

Action: Determination regarding grievance pertaining to election to fill the vacant Bel-Air Glen seat. **(Attachment B)**

9. Vice President – Operations –Robin Greenberg

10. Vice President – Legislative Affairs – Jamie Hall

11. Secretary – Nickie Miner

12. Treasurer – Vadim Levotman

Motion: Approval of July 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) **(Attachment C)**

Reports of Standing Committees

Planning & Land Use
Robert Schlesinger, Chair

13. 1826 Crisler Way — ZA-2020-7359-ZAA-ZAD

Project Description: Pursuant to LAMC 12.24 X.28 AND 12.28, a Zoning Administrator's Determination/ Zoning Administrator's Adjustment for a new 1,660 square foot single-family residents with an attached 2-car garage on an existing vacant lot.

Applicant: Takeshi Furukawa

Representative: Simon Storey

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjQyNTU20>

PLU Committee Motion: To approve this project with multiple conditions, including: 1) Building a B-permitted road improvement prior to construction of the house, a permanent roadway and all that that entails and that no portion of the private property shall occupy any city property in any way, that is no fences, no driveway in the city right of way, and that the revocable permits would be necessary for any walls that would support the temporary driveway prior to the increased road width along the property frontage; 2) We recommend a conversation with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) based on the proximity of the property abutting habitat block; 3) Consideration of exterior screens and glazing changes associated with the project to minimize birds flying into those windows; 4) Tree mitigation, with appropriate replacement ratio for removal of protected trees; and 5) The applicant will send the parking and staging plans to the Zoning Administrator so he is aware this has been done.

14. 243 Delfern — DIR-2020-7965-SPR

Project Description: Site Plan Review for a major remodel and addition to an existing 18,187 sq. ft. single-family dwelling. Propose project will result in 25,925 sq. ft. single-family dwelling in the RE40-1HCR Zone. Revised language entitlement request. Site Plan Review (17,500 sq. ft. or more) per section 16.05 for a new house that will be approximately 25,198 sq. ft. and demolition of the existing 18,187 sq. ft. house.

Applicant: Delfern Park LLC

Representative: Nick Leathers, Cyrus Harouni, David Neman

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjQzMtk00>

PLU Committee Motion: To approve the site plan review.

15. Establishment of Working Group to Review Wildlife Pilot Area Ordinance

Motion: To establish a working group of Board members from Planning and Land Use and Environmental Committees to review Wildlife Pilot Area Ordinance.

Outreach Committee

Robin Greenberg, Chair

16. Report of the Outreach Committee

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Committee on LADBS Policies

Stella Grey, Chair

17. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on LADBS Policies

18. Verification of Street Width

Motion: That BABCNC request that the City require mandatory verification of the street width for all new projects fronting substandard hillside limited streets.

Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing and Party House Ordinances

Ellen Evans and Stephanie Savage, Co-Chairs

**19. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing and Party House Ordinances
(Attachment D)**

Redistricting Task Force

Travis Longcore, Chair

20. Report of the Redistricting Task Force

Old Business

21. Standing Rule Regarding Committee Membership

Motion: To revise the standing rule on committee composition previously adopted such that a) 80% of the regular members of the Budget and Finance, Planning and Land Use, Bylaws, Rules and Elections, and Neighborhood Purpose Grant Review Committees must be Board members and 50% of all other committees (standing and ad hoc) must be Board members, and b) no motion may be passed by any committee subject to the 50% composition without majority support from the Board members on the committee present and voting.

22. Standing Rule on Vice Chair Position

Motion: That a standing rule be adopted that allows the nomination by the President, in consultation with the Chair of any committee, of a Board member to serve as Vice Chair of that committee, to be elected by the Board.

23. Election of Vice Chair for Planning and Land Use Committee

- 24. Election of Chair of Bylaws, Rules, and Elections Committee**
- 25. Election of Additional Members to Traffic Committee**
- 26. Election of Emergency Preparedness Committee and Election of Chair**
- 27. Re-Authorization of Ad Hoc Environmental Committee, Election of Members and Chair**
- 28. Re-Authorization of Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing and Party House Ordinances, Election of Members and Chair**
- 29. Election of Representatives to Neighborhood Council Alliances and Boards**
Elect or re-elect representatives to:
Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC). Meetings on first Saturday mornings (vacant).
Neighborhood Council Sustainability Committee <https://www.ncsa.la/> Meets second Sundays, 6:30–8:30 P.M. (vacant)
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (Robin Greenberg; Nickie Miner, alternate).
- 30. Response to DONE Code of Conduct Revisions**
Discussion & Possible Motion: Consider potential BABCNC letter to 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 in: <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/CODE-OF-CONDUCT-AMENDMENT-07162021.pdf>
- 31. Misuse of Specific Plans (WRAC)**
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. BABCNC will submit a CIS with this position to the file. **(Background Info: Attachment E)**
- 32. Processes and Procedures Amendment to City Charter (WRAC)**
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. BABCNC will submit a CIS with this position to the file. **(Background Info: Attachment F)**

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=12-0460-S4>

33. Restore Local Control over Land Use, Zoning, and Planning (WRAC)

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, and requests the City of Los Angeles to support ACA 7. **(Background Info: Attachment G)**

34. Strategic Long Term Resource Plan that achieves 100 percent carbon-free energy by 2035 (Hall)

Motion: To support the motion in Council File 21-0352, to transition to 100% carbon-free, clean electricity by 2035 for the City of Los Angeles and submit a CIS to the file.

http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2021/21-0352_misc_03-31-21.pdf **(Attachment H)**

35. Good of the Order

36. Adjournment to September 22, 2021

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