



Building A Better Community



Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Monthly Board Meeting (Virtual)
Minutes
Wednesday August 25, 2021, 7:00–9:00 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)		
Robin Greenberg, VP of Operations	X	
Wendy Morris	X	
Bel Air Ridge HOA (Alternate is Ed Cain)		
<i>André Stojka</i>	X	
Benedict Canyon Association (BCA)		
<i>Robert (Bob) Schlesinger, PLU Chair</i>	X	
<i>Donald Loze</i>	X	
<i>Nickie Miner, Secretary</i>	X	
<i>David Scott Kadin</i>	X	
Casiano Estates Association		
<i>Robert Garfield, DDS</i>	X	
Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts		
<i>Shawn Bayliss</i>	X	
Custodians of Open Space		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D., Board President</i>	X	
Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association		
<i>Vadim Levotman, Treasurer</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) (Alternate is 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 7:11p.m.</i>	X	
<i>Ellen Evans, Community Interest</i>	X	
<i>Asher Barondes, Youth Seat</i>	X	
North of Sunset District (Alternate is Stella Grey)		
<i>Stella Grey Alternate 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:	26	5 (+2 vacancies)

- 1. Call to Order:** President Longcore called the meeting at 7:03 P.M.
- 2. Flag Salute**
- 3. Roll Call:** Secretary Miner called the roll with 24 members present initially; Members Mann and Loze were present at 7:11 P.M., Member Loze was raised from Attendee to Panelist at approximately 7:50 P.M. for a total of **26 present, 5 absent and 2 vacancies.**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
Motion: Approve August 25, 2021 Agenda: Adopted by unanimous consent.
- 5. Approval of the Minutes:**
Motion: Approve July 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A**) Adopted by unanimous consent as circulated.
- 6. General Public Comment:**

Aurora Corona introduced herself as having been recently elected to the Pico Union NC. She is interested in observing and learning how NCs work.

Kristie Holmes noted that we have a lot of kids back to school with only 2.5% COVID positivity rates in LA and 3.08% in the County today.

Robert Ringler thanked Wendy Morris for raising awareness of the recently changed FAA flight patterns over our hillsides. He noted that he suddenly felt that he was living under a runway. He sent emails as recommended and hopes to get routes back to where they were.

Katie Young Yaroslavsky introduced herself as running for LA City Council 5th District.

Mindy Mann referenced the UN climate change report, noting while things are looking a bit grim, there is something we can all do to reduce our carbon footprint. See the BABCNC newsletter on the city's Cool Block program & see <https://www.coolblock.org/los-angeles> to find out how to help your neighborhood.

7. Comments of Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies

Mehmet Berker, CD4 Field Deputy for CM Nithya Raman, congratulated those recently elected to the board. Mehmet's contact info: 818-925-0465 & Mehmet.Berker@lacity.org.

- Today they introduced a motion on home sharing asking for report backs, taking lessons from folks in the community, and instructing staff within 90 days for a publicly accessible database of noncompliant properties.
- They introduced a motion to reduce carbon footprint for the General Services Dept., to retrofit city-owned buildings, and introduced a motion on making the city's fleet electric. There are 13,000 vehicles and 900 are currently electric.
- Vaccination Clinic in Hollywood Sunday August 29th 12-5pm for vaccine and volunteers.
- Redistricting is ongoing. There is a website to submit comments.
- Public comment for scoping for METRO hot lanes on the 405 continues through October 1st.

Jarrett Thompson, CD4 Field Deputy for CM Paul Koretz: Jarrett.Thompson@lacity.org

- CM Koretz co-sponsored the home-sharing motion presented today on noncompliant units, and working on an addition with the City Attorney's office and Planning to try to allow for Director of Planning to have more say, so every time there is a violent crime they could remove that unit from the system, banning it from operating.
- The HCID Emergency Rental Assistance Program, ERAP Part II, was expanded today through Council, adding just under a million dollars, beginning September 1st for those struggling with rents. Go to www.Housingiskey.com.
- LAWA had meeting August 9, regarding Van Nuys proposed departure changes. Councilmembers are meeting with LAWA this week. Submit comments to his office this week.

Erin Seinfeld, Representative of County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl

eseinfeld@bos.lacounty.gov The Board of Supervisors approved \$975 million American Rescue Act Phase One Spending Plan, making most of funds for hardest hit communities, with more than \$468million towards affordable housing and related services for people experiencing homelessness, and more than \$290+million towards direct community investments and partnerships with community-based organizations.

- The FDA approved license for Pfizer vaccine for individuals 16 and older; continues to be available under emergency use authorization for 12 through 15 and for a third dose in certain immune-compromised individuals. CDC recommended a third dose of MRNA vaccines, Pfizer & Moderna, for immunocompromised people, e.g., transplant recipients, people with advanced or untreated HIV infection, as well as people actively receiving cancer treatment or taking immunosuppressant medications. Third doses are available to eligible individuals at vaccination sites across the County since Saturday.
- New order was released to require universal masking at outdoor events with more than 10,000 people, e.g., Hollywood Bowl & Dodger Stadium, except when actively eating or drinking, regardless of vaccination status.
- The Board voted to make LA County Libraries fine free, e.g., West Hollywood Library.
- Mehmet mentioned a vaccine event at Hollywood United Methodist Church, Sun. 12-5pm.

Octaviano Rios, NEA from DONE extended his congratulations to new board members and encouraged those who didn't win elections to stay involved. He thanked the newly elected board officers for the extra work they'll be doing. Updates:

- Civic University will be held September 9, 23 & 30th at 6:30pm, for two hours, led by Raphael Sonenshein from Cal State LA. It goes over the power structure of City Hall, to help NCs navigate City Hall. Several board members can attend; don't break majority of quorum.
- Planning 101 training for PLU Committee members has been extended to October 1st.
- Digital policy and proposed amendments to Code of Conduct policy are being reviewed.
- Deadline for bylaws amendments is April 15, 2022.

Reports of Officers

8. President – Travis Longcore

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

President Longcore explained his determination, having had the response reviewed by the City's NC Advice Division. He noted that the important outcome is that only a roll call vote is valid; the roll call vote was the only valid vote. There were no board members who wished to comment or challenge the ruling of the Chair. **Public Comment** Former BABCNC Board member Larry Leisten complimented President Longcore for an excellent job on his determination, and noted that when you do a roll call you do not do it by voting yea or nay but go through the roll.

President Longcore additionally related that during the election for Treasurer, he neglected to call Nickie Miner's name, and since he announced the results, he was apologizing publicly to Member Miner. He welcomes everyone to bring any mistakes he makes to his attention.

9. Vice President – Operations – Robin Greenberg thanked President Longcore for helping her with computer technology.

10. Vice President – Legislative Affairs – Jamie Hall gave a report:

- The Hollywood Community Plan EIR was released and the BABCNC is putting together a working group and a comment letter for a later date.
- VP Hall spoke in a personal capacity at the Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and River Committee on the motion for 100% carbon free energy by 2035, which several NCs have supported. We have not yet done so for Council File #21-0352 (agenda item #34 below).
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0352>
- He noted that the committee recommended approval of that motion and City Council will consider the committees' motion in the near future.
- VP Hall related that we have commenced a working group for the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance and had a meeting.
- He spoke to Mehmet from CD4 about getting the 30-30 conservation motion (CF #20-1375) agendaized, and Nithya's office is getting that onto the agenda on that same committee.
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1375>

11. Secretary – Nickie Miner reviewed trainings due for board members.

12. Treasurer – Vadim Levotman

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

Moved: Member Miner; **Seconded:** Member Wayne; **25-0-0-1** with Youth Representative Barondes statutorily ineligible to vote on funding matters.

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 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 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) that the applicant will send the parking and staging plans to the Zoning Administrator so he is aware this has been done. **Moved** by PLU Committee Chair Schlesinger.

Member Roy disclosed that she has a client more than 500 feet away, in the general area, which is not a conflict for her; she wanted to go on record and noted she has no financial interest.

President Longcore explained the process: Following the presentation there would be public comment, board questions of applicant or clarifications, debate and entertain any subsidiary or parliamentary motions.

The Applicant's Representative, Mr. Simon Storey, related that he has presented two or three times and gave a brief synopsis. The project is of modest size, a small two-bedroom new single family house. Mr. Storey noted that it is important for this board to know that it will be "unoccupied" and that the owner of the project specifically chose the neighborhood because they love the neighborhood. He believes they are designing a project that the neighborhood will be proud of. They had already applied for B-permits, and their consultant, a civil engineer, is working with the City. They are improving the street in front of the lot; it will be fully improved to a width of 20 feet. The one protected tree – a Toyon –will be preserved. It is well outside the footprint of the building. They are trying to limit grading to 60 CY of dirt, about six truck loads. He has presented various reports requested and plans to keep much parking on job site. Doing B permit first will help that objective.

Public Comment:

Daniel Freedman, Esq. with Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Mitchell, LLP, thanked the NC, noting that he represents several homeowners on Marmont who have had concerns with the projects on Crisler Way for many years with respect to four single family homes proposed along Crisler Way. He noted that this applicant has not approached his clients. He submitted an analysis today that explains their serious concerns to include safety issues and asks the NC to deny the project.

David R introduced himself as a resident of Grand View Drive, five houses from this location and spoke in opposition. He doesn't know how an initial approval went by, stating that it is a paper street; the street does not exist. He said if you would look, you would see that there is no way to build this

street off of Grand View Drive without building a monstrous street down there. There is no parking for trucks. They have been barraged by work for years at a time. The other residents that he has spoken to were aghast that this was something that was suggested to be approved.

Billy Brown thanked the Board for their public service and spoke in opposition. He related that in 1979, there was a catastrophic fire and that the impacts of this project will be too great for public health and safety. He cited the need access for emergency vehicles and that there are already endless deliveries; vehicles park illegally. There is a battle for access which puts neighbors in peril.

Jason Swing noted that he is a resident at 8410 Grand View for 16 years and has been in construction for 25 years, working at the City of West Hollywood's Planning Department since 1997. He spoke in opposition, noting that he loves construction but not this project which is not doable. He noted that Grand View Drive is effectively a one-way street and thinks it is impossible to do. He doesn't believe it is going to be occupied. He noted that if they want to move here, there are over a dozen homes for sale and suggests that they buy a home and remodel it but to build is a nightmare. Come here on a Thursday during trash day. He asks that the NC reconsiders this.

Ann Ciminera thanked the NC for their time and spoke in opposition to the project, adding to previous residents who spoke, especially David. She assumes most of us are familiar with Laurel Canyon, the Kirkwood Bowl topography, that it is like Cinque Terre where they have scooters, and no cars. She resides in a home built in 1967 with a 15 foot road. When garbage trucks go by, she can't get out of her garage. She has pictures of emergency vehicles blocked and a small box truck wedged.

Jim Mills lives in the neighborhood and spoke in opposition, noting that everyone has said all the things he wanted to say; he doesn't know how many people come up here to check it out but where this is on Grand View is in the middle of a very long one-lane stretch. There is no way out either way for quite a long ways. The distance to the nearest cross street both directions is very far. If a large truck got stuck it would block people. People get stuck all the time.

Felix La Haye lives on Grand View Drive and echoed the sentiment of the neighbors as to safety. He is extremely surprised even with the proposed motion to approve with conditions, which seemed light in his opinion. Most of his points have already been made.

Naureen McMillan lives on Grand View 8373 for 30 years, echoed the attorney who spoke for the people who live below on Marmont. In addition to what Billy said with fire equipment coming up here, in 2007 there was a house built at 8401 Grand View Drive where the man who built it would block the road. She related an incident in March of 2007 when emergency vehicles had to turn around to come up another way. She noted that it takes a long time to get the ambulances up there, and minutes can save a person's life. It's not just about fire issues but public safety.

President Longcore opened the floor to the Board for clarification and there was none, then to debate. Issues included but were not limited to strong opposition to the project by VP Hall, who noted that the PLU Committee had robust debate on this and he opposed the motion, recommending that the board not accept the recommendation of the committee. He related reasons including that there is a four-home development project next to this single family home and that this project has done no environmental review. He opined that the applicant is trying to get an exemption from CEQA and for the four homes next door, the City has decided that they are not exempt from CEQA, and that an MND was appropriate. He noted that they did an initial study, almost 1200 pages long, published in December, and the City concluded that there were a variety of potentially significant environmental impacts, biological resources, geology and soils, noise, transportation, wildlife and hazardous materials. He noted the admission that the next four sites over all have these potentially significant

environmental impacts and thinks that those same impacts could flow from this project. He noted that the City is required to consider the cumulative impacts associated with this project plus the four homes that is an exception to the Class 1 Categorical Exemption that the applicant is trying to use in this case. He noted that if CEQA is applicable, it has to be undertaken before any decision can be made on the project. VP Hall additionally noted that a ZA's Adjustment is being sought for which required findings cannot be made. The applicant is seeking a 10% increase from what the BHO allows. The byproduct for the small lot is to have a smaller home. He noted that everything the residents have said about the history of development in Grand View and impacts, including the catastrophic 1979 Kirkwood Bowl fire, should be taken into consideration. He noted that this is potentially a life and death situation and recommended a no-vote on the motion.

Member Evans expressed concern about potential for slope failure and until mitigated would vote no. Member Murphy asked Mr. Freedman about his client's objection, to which Mr. Freedman noted that the primary objection for his clients living downslope on Marmont is safety and that no one has ever discussed this with his clients.

Member Miner noted that she has seen the street, which she described as like a path or trail and noted that the side where the building is supposed to be is a sheer precipice. She noted that the roads going up to this Crisler Way are substandard. She feels that this needs a lot more investigation before we could be in favor and would postpone the vote until we obtain more information.

Motion: To refer the item back the PLU committee to do more work and bring it back to the board in September. **Moved** by Member Miner and **seconded** by Member Spradlin. **22 yes; 4 No;** Members Ringler, Evans, Loze & Sroloff, **passed.**

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/MjQzMt00>

PLU Committee Motion: To approve the site plan review. **Moved** by PLU Chair Schlesinger. Applicant David Neman & Nick Leathers were thankful for being here and did not have more to say than what was said at the PLU meeting. **Public Comment:** None. Member Spradlin spoke to the merits of the project. He noted that the gentleman responsible for the project was great with his HOA, transparent and forthcoming with every aspect of the project. He doesn't foresee any issues with his HOA but wants to circle back and have an extra bit of time. This is not a comment on the applicant's project, just for a chance to review it first.

Motion: To postpone this item to the September board meeting. **Moved** by Member Spradlin and **seconded** by Mr. Schlesinger; **Motion passed by unanimous consent**

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.

- President Longcore introduced this item, noting that this will be a small working group to go through the Wildlife Pilot Area Ordinance and then take it to public hearing; it will probably be a joint meeting with the Environment & PLU Committees.

Motion: to establish this working group of consisting of Board Members Hall, Mann, Schlesinger, Loze, and Longcore with the goal of organizing a joint Environmental Committee and Planning &

Land Use Committee meeting exclusively to hear public comment on the Wildlife Pilot Area Ordinance and to organize drafting a position letter for review by the board after that meeting.

Moved: Member Wayne; **Seconded:** VP Hall. Member Morris **moved** to add Robin Greenberg and without objection, the **motion was amended to add VP Greenberg.** Member Evans **moved** to nominate Member Grey from NOS; PLU Chair Schlesinger **seconded**, Member Grey accepted and with no objection to the amendment, Member Grey was added to that list. **The vote was unanimous** to establish this working group consisting of Members Hall, Mann, Schlesinger, Loze, Longcore, Greenberg, & Grey. President Longcore noted that this group would be a month to two at most.

Outreach Committee
Robin Greenberg, Chair

- 16. Report of the Outreach Committee:** Chair Greenberg related that the committee worked on the August newsletter which turned out very well. No action required.

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Committee on LADBS Policies
Stella Grey, Chair

- 17. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on LADBS Policies** Member Grey related at the meeting of August 4th, they discussed the topic of street width verification, a long discussed topic. She noted that Stephanie Savage raised this to everyone's attention in 2017 and we made efforts to address it with BOE, with no significant changes achieved. The proposed motion below is regarding how to possibly fix the problem. She noted that Planning relies on the Hillside referral forms that are supposed to identify substandard streets with continuous paved roadway less than 20 feet, which puts proposed projects in different categories and in many cases projects should apply for variances since the Hillside referral forms are erroneous and a lot of projects are built larger than they should be and unfortunately BDS and Planning and BOE don't care about it. If the motion is approved, we will send this to obtain approval from council districts and to the city.

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. **(See attachment)**

Moved by Stella Grey. No public comment. VP Hall noted that we have been dealing with this for many years, that the City accepts as true what they have seen on a map developed at some point in time that may not be correct at all. He firmly supports the motion. The motion was **approved by unanimous consent by all 26 voting.** We will send a letter to the city that includes this motion.

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) Member Evans submitted a written report, detailing what they have been doing. They had a good meeting last month with Jeffrey Goodman, a planner well versed in the short term rental (STR) issues. He is an employee in Host Compliance which runs our home sharing enforcement. Member Evans sent around the motion which Mehmet talked about, which the committee had a good impact on. Now with collaboration with our council offices, we were continuing the conversation and making sure it was at the forefront on things. President Longcore expressed appreciation of Chair Evans and her committee for the work they have done on this motion.

Redistricting Task Force
Travis Longcore, Chair

20. Report of the Redistricting Task Force

President Longcore reported that he had chaired the task force. President Longcore encouraged people to go to the LA City Council Redistricting Commission website: <https://laccrc2021.org/> under mapping & data to use the mapping tools to enter your community of interest or try to create a set of council districts that reflects the new census data. The DSPNA community of interest showed up within minutes after the tool was released and that was noted. Use that tool and they will take that information into account. The task force will meet soon.

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.

President Longcore noted that the Executive Committee wanted to revise the motion that was taken last month – as written above. It wasn't voted on by the Executive Committee.

Moved by PLU Chair Schlesinger; **seconded** by Member Stojka; **Passed unanimously by 26 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. **Moved** by Member Wayne; **seconded** by Member Stojka; **Passed unanimously by 26 voting.** We now have a rule for Vice Chair position.

23. Election of Vice Chair for Planning and Land Use Committee nominated Stephanie Savage, seconded by Member Wayne; passed by all 26 voting by acclamation

24. Election of Chair of Bylaws, Rules, and Elections Committee: President Longcore noted that we have a standing rule on the record that says chairs have to be members, and he nominated Member Cathy Wayne, subject to the approval of the board. **passed by all 26 voting by acclamation**

25. Election of Additional Members to Traffic Committee:

8 board members: Members Sandler, Schlesinger, Miner, Garfield, Barondes, Sroloff, Morris, & Greenberg, along with ex officio member, President Longcore.

7 stakeholder members: Patricia Templeton, Joyce Page, Pamela Pierson, Maureen Levinson, Maureen Smith, Leslie Weisberg, and Graham Greene.

This is reconfirming those elected at the last meeting, adding to that the entire slate of members which would be 15 regular members, 8 of whom are board members, 7 stakeholders, and the ex officio. **Moved** by Member Sandler and **passed by all 26 voting by acclamation**

26. Election of Emergency Preparedness Committee and Election of Chair: President Longcore noted that last time we elected Miner, Schlesinger, Sandler, Palmer & Le Kennedy. Member Holmes nominated herself.

Public Comment: Chuck Maginnis related that the EP Committee has been very effective group for over 10 years and mentioned people including but not limited to Members Schlesinger, Sandler, & Palmer, as well as Stakeholders, Cornell, Farber, Levinson, Grundfest & Herman.

President Longcore noted that we can add as many stakeholders as board members and that anyone can participate. Since there is not any motions and not any voting, it is an open call to participate in this committee but we need a chair and should add some additional people.

Member Ringler noted that someone from Holmby-Westwood (HWPOA) asked to be on EP, to which President Longcore noted that when we have elected and have a chair, we will invite her and anyone else from the community and surrounding community who wants to participate.

Motion: To constitute and elect the EP Committee as:

7 Board Members: Miner, Schlesinger, Sandler, Palmer, Le Kennedy, Holmes, & Levotman

7 Stakeholders: Smith, Enderwood, Bottari, Cornell, Kabaker, Farber & Levinson, recognizing that there other critical members of the community will have the door open to them to participate but just won't be members for the purposes of quorum and any votes that might happen at some point.

Passed by acclamation

Discussion was held on nominations for a chair. Member Levotman asked if he could be Co-Chair, to which President Longcore noted that he could be Chair and then get a Vice Chair. President Longcore noted that leadership arises where there is a need and we'll find it; he won't nominate a chair at this meeting. He will organize a meeting of the EP committee, meet and chat. He will set the agenda and see what arises. He doesn't believe in rushing things that are not ready, noting that when you have a long-time leader like Chuck, change is difficult and there is a period of transition. He has faith that there are people in this community who care about EP and public safety, which is within the purview of this committee, and we will find a chair. **No action**

27. Re-Authorization of Ad Hoc Environmental Committee, Election of Members and Chair

Motion: To constitute and re-authorize the Ad Hoc Environmental Committee as:

7 Board Members: Greenberg, Morris, Barondes, Schlesinger, Hall, Weinberg & Mann.

2 Stakeholders: Levinson, Ed Cain; **Moved** by Member Mann. **Passed by acclamation**

28. Re-Authorization of Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing and Party House Ordinances, Election of Members and Chair

5 Board Members: Evans, Savage, Miner, Schlesinger, Sroloff;

5 Stakeholders: Levinson, Manning, Darby, Samantha and Nick Abramson,

Moved by Member Evans. **Passed by acclamation**

President Longcore **moved** to nominate Ellen Evans to continue as Chair. **Passed by acclamation.**

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). **Member Weinberg** volunteered, **approved by acclamation of all 24 voting.**

- Neighborhood Council Sustainability Committee <https://www.ncsa.la/> meets second Sundays, 6:30–8:30 P.M. (vacant) **Members Mann & Evans** volunteered to be the Primary & Alternate Reps respectively; **passed by all acclamation of all 24 voting.**

- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils: Motion to have **VP Greenberg Primary & Member Miner Alternate** continue in their current capacities, was **approved by acclamation.**

- Budget Representatives: **Member Evans** would like to continue to be Budget Rep and **Member Le Kennedy** will be the 2nd Budget Rep., **approved by acclamation.**

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> Member Stojka **moved** to oppose this.

Motion: To write a letter regarding para 6 of the proposed code of conduct revisions objecting the power of DONE to remove individuals for allegation of wrongdoing. Letter would be prepared and come back to the next meeting. **Moved** by Member Loze; **seconded** by Member Miner. Member Stojka will do a civil draft; **23-0-0; passed.**

31. Mis-Use 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)**

Moved: Member Miner; **seconded:** PLU Chair Schlesinger; **Passed unanimously by 24 voting.**

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>

Moved: Member Greenberg; **Seconded:** Member Miner; **24-0-0; Passed**

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)

Moved: Member Miner; **Seconded** Member Stojka; **24-0-0; passed;** we'll tell the city.

34. Strategic Long Term Resource Plan that achieves 100% 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)

Moved: Member Evans; **seconded:** Member Loze. Discussion was held.

President Longcore noted that, per Robert's Rules, unless there is a tie, he is not voting.

14 Yes; 4 No; 4 Abstentions; Passed

35. Good of the Order: President Longcore related that he appreciated the trust in him to run the meetings and all the work from the committees between board motions who bring motions forward. He mentioned "Roberts Rules of Order in Brief." Asher thanked him on behalf of the board members.

Member Miner asked, where do the batteries go?

Member Weinberg related that he had the vaccine and ended up in the hospital. He thanked everyone for the card from VP Greenberg on behalf of the board.

VP Greenberg congratulated Member Barondes for staying to the end. She loved President Longcore's meeting. She noted that we have board members who have sick elderly parents and that we have our ups and downs. She expressed her gladness to have Member Weinberg back and well.

Cathy Palmer related that she sent the full motion of Chair Grey and apologized for not noting that on the agenda. She hoped everyone had a chance to see it.

Member Mann related that she did not realize the item about carbon footprint was agendaized, and had she known, she would have had a better argument to sway everybody. She is glad it still carried.

36. Adjournment to September 22, 2021: Member Wayne moved, the motion was seconded, and the meeting adjourned to 9:52 P.M.