



Building A Better Community



**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Monthly Board Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday January 26, 2022 7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

| NAME | BOARD SEAT | Present | Absent |
|------------------------|---|----------------|---------------|
| Barondes, Asher | At-Large Youth Rep (2023) <i>(arr. @ 8:30pm)</i> | X | |
| Bayliss, Shawn | Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (2023) | X | |
| Cobb, Bradford | North of Sunset District (2023) <i>(as of 01/26/22)</i> | | X |
| Evans, Ellen | Community Interest At-Large (2023) | X | |
| Garfield, DDS, Robert | Casiano Estates Association | X | |
| Goodman, MD, Mark | Bel-Air District (2023) | X | |
| Greenberg, Robin | Bel Air Hills Association | X | |
| Hall, Jamie | Laurel Canyon Association | X | |
| Holmes, Kristie | Public Educational Institutions (2023) | X | |
| Kadin, David Scott | Benedict Canyon Association | X | |
| Kennedy, Jacqueline Le | Faith-Based Institutions (2023) | | X |
| Kwan, Robert (Bobby) | Laurel Canyon Association <i>(as of 01/26/22)</i> | X | |
| Levotman, Vadim | Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Assn. | X | |
| Longcore, Travis | Custodian of Open Space (2023) | X | |
| Loze, Donald | Benedict Canyon Association | X | |
| Mann, Mindy Rothstein | At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2023) | X | |
| Miner, Nickie | Benedict Canyon Association | X | |
| Morris, Wendy | Bel Air Hills Association | X | |
| Murphy, Patricia | North of Sunset District (2023) | X | |
| Palmer, Dan | Residents of Beverly Glen | | X |
| Prothro, Steven | Private K-6 Schools (2023) | | X |
| Ringler, Robert | Residents of Beverly Glen | X | |
| Sandler, Irene | Bel Air Crest Master Association | X | |
| Savage, Stephanie | Laurel Canyon Association | X | |
| Schlesinger, Robert | Benedict Canyon Association | X | |
| Spradlin, Jason | Holmby Hills HOA | | X |
| Sroloff, Gail | At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2023) | X | |
| Steele, Tim | Bel Air Glen District (2023) | X | |
| Stojka, André | Bel Air Ridge HOA | X | |
| Tanner, Blair | Bel-Air Association | X | |
| Wayne, Cathy | Laurel Canyon Association | X | |
| Weinberg, Steven | Franklin-Coldwater District (2023) | X | |
| Wimbish, Jon | Private 7-12 Schools (2023) | X | |
| Total: | | 28 | 5 |

President Longcore called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. President Longcore led Robert (Bobby) Kwan in the Oath of Office, having been appointed by Laurel Canyon Association as their new representative replacing Heather Roy who retired. Longcore acknowledged the good work of Heather Roy and congratulated Bobby to be on the board.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated, upon a motion by Member Stojka.
2. The December 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A) were approved, upon a motion by Wayne, by 22 yeses, 0 noes and 3 abstentions from Members Goodman, Stojka & Morris.
3. There was no General Public Comment on topics not on the adopted agenda.
4. Comments of Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies

Mehmet Berker, Field Deputy for CD4 mehmet.berker@lacity.org gave updates:

- He'll be at our DBS meeting 02/02.
- Blood drive in Sherman Oaks tomorrow www.redcrossblood.org.
- 101 closures in West Valley tomorrow a.m. & 01/30 - 02/03 & 02/06 - 02/10.
- "Comeback Checks," small business grants applications due 02/07
<https://ewddlacity.com/index.php/recovery/comebackla> & "ReLeaf Treecovery" grant program through 02/07. <https://californiareleaf.org/grants/treecovery-cycle2/>
- They co-presented a motion by Paul Koretz re criminal history at a STR location leading to rescinding of home-sharing certificates, approved in City Council, going to City Attorney.
- Sepulveda Transit Project is still in scoping phase, taking public comment.
- Council adjourned yesterday in the memory of Judge John Harris, thanks to Jamie Hall for bringing this to their attention. Questions were asked and answered.

Jarrett Thompson, CD5 Deputy jarrett.thompson@lacity.org will return next month.

Rachel Sherrell, Rep for Supervisor Kuehl rsherrell@bos.lacounty.gov (310) 231-1170

- There is a decrease in COVID cases, but still high: Wear mask and stay distant.
- The County has a homebound vaccination program that covers boosters.
- Supervisor Kuehl introduced a pilot program to prioritize foster youth for fire training.
- Child & Family Services (DCFS) is hiring a new Executive Director & are hosting two town halls on 01/31 & 02/05. If interested, let her know; she'll get you zoom link.

Reports of Officers

5. **President** – Travis Longcore noted that following last month's meeting with colorful public comment, he consulted with the City Attorney. Public comment is sacrosanct no matter how offensive. We are doing everything we can to make sure we move smoothly and take the steps to get business done in a timely and polite way that does not infringe on the public's right to comment.
6. **Vice President – Operations** – Robin Greenberg gave update on committee meetings next week and noted that a home-sharing legislative item will be heard at City Hall on Tuesday 02/01.
7. **Vice President – Legislative Affairs** – Jamie Hall noted that he is working with Member Mann to put together a motion to amend the Hillside Retaining Wall Ordinance to close loopholes. The Environmental subcommittee will work on it and send it to the PLUC or the Board in coming months.
8. **Secretary** – Nickie Miner: No report
9. **Treasurer** – Vadim Levotman:
The December 2021 MER (Attachment B) was approved unanimously by all 27 voting, as moved by Treasurer Levotman.

Reports of Standing Committees

Planning & Land Use

Robert Schlesinger, Chair & Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair

10. Report of the Planning & Land Use Committee:

President Longcore gave report on behalf of the PLU Committee, that they have created a task force to gather information about the gating proposal by Bel Air Glen following a meeting. The outcome is a 60-day working group from within PLU to gather more information. They are proceeding with that process, have made meetings, have met with people and we'll get a report back at the end of 60 days.

11. Election to Fill Vacancy on Planning and Land Use Committee:

Vice Chair Savage nominated Ellen Evans, who was elected by acclamation to serve on the PLU Committee. Longcore thanked Evans for accepting the nomination and for being willing to serve.

Outreach Committee

Robin Greenberg, Chair

12. Report of the Outreach Committee:

Chair Greenberg thanked Member Stojka for the fabulous newsletter, along with the entire Outreach Committee, who worked together on the newsletter.

13. Council District 5 Candidate Town Hall

Motion to approve funding expenditure of up to \$150.00 to have the League of Women Voters help conduct a Town Hall with candidates for Council District 5, Date TBD, passed by all 28 present in a roll call vote, as moved by Chair Greenberg.

Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee

Cathy Wayne, Chair

14. Report of the Bylaws, Rules, and Elections Committee:

Chair Wayne noted that they have had two meetings and a third coming up, moving towards having revised bylaws by the next board meeting.

15. Election of Deputy Chair

Standing Rules establish the position of Deputy Chair for committees, which can be filled by a stakeholder. Upon recommendation of the Chair of the Committee, Maureen Smith was nominated by the President as Deputy Chair. She accepted the nomination by President Longcore and was elected by acclamation by all present and voting.

Traffic Committee

Irene Sandler, Chair

16. Report of the Traffic Committee:

Chair Sandler noted that they have had a few meetings that were very productive. She asked that all board members who have something to tell your communities, please do so. If you have questions on the Sepulveda Corridor Transit Project, please let us know. We are hoping that the community and individuals, will send in comments due by February 11th.

17. Comment on Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report for Sepulveda Pass Transit Project

Motion: To approve submission of a letter to Metro regarding the preparation of an EIR for the Sepulveda Pass Transit Project reflecting the views of the BABCNC (**Attachment C**). Moved by Chair Sandler. **Amendment** was moved by Sandler to remove item 3 on page 3, rather than being specific about a community, making it more general. (*There was no second.*)

Public Comment was given by Patricia Templeton of the Traffic Committee who noted that it was a very good letter and offered additions. **Amendment:** Member Wayne moved that Ms. Templeton's suggestions be included in the letter; seconded, letter to include issues of 1) traffic noise being evaluated more than one mile from the routes, 2) the sustainability aspects of having a different form of transportation, whether should they become obsolete, would they be reusable, and 3) looking at the air quality impacts of traffic backups, from the 405 during construction, on neighborhoods that are then cut-through streets. **Public comment** was reopened for **Faramarz** who recommended that Metro study 1) whether technologies are compatible between the heavy rail & Metro's existing heavy rail system, and 2) expand the project area under study to include all of Bel Air-Beverly Crest. The amendment to have the letter include the three items that Ms. Templeton brought up **passed** by unanimous consent. Longcore noted that the compatibility issue raised by Faramarz could be folded into the amendment just made, relative to the sustainability aspects of being a different form of transportation, if no objection, leaving the last issue about the project area. **Amendment:** Sandler moved to include in the letter expansion of the project area past Beverly Glen Canyon into Franklin. The amendment was seconded and approved unanimously. **Motion as amended** was approved by 25 yeases, 1 no by Ringler, and 1 abstention by Longcore.

18. Traffic Calming Plan for Beverly Glen Boulevard

Presentation: Graham Green presented plans for traffic calming on Beverly Glen Boulevard. **Traffic Committee Motion** that BABCNC thank the City of Los Angeles for supporting the medians and parklets project proposed as a traffic calming measure for Beverly Glen Boulevard and encourage implementation of the project was moved by Member Ringler and seconded. Ringler noted that this creates a model for other parts of our city, and he thanked Mr. Green. Questions were asked and answered. No one spoke in opposition, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues

Mindy Mann, Chair

19. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues:

Chair Mann gave report that the committee met on 12/01 1) in preparation of the joint meeting with the PLUC on the wildlife ordinance on 12/07, 2) about what they would like DWP & LAFD to do about nesting birds, trees and hillsides, and 3) about the motion (below) on composting and LASAN. She spoke with Jarrett. DWP & LAFD item should be handled legislatively through CD5.

20. CalRecycle / SB 1383 / Organic Waste Disposal Reduction / 75% by 2025 (CF 21-1208; O'Farrell/Koretz)

Environmental Committee Motion: That the BABCNC write a CIS in support of CF 21-1208, asking the Bureau of Sanitation to report back on how it is going to comply with composting waste for the City. In addition, the BABCNC asks that the Board of Sanitation strive towards the greatest clarity possible in its instructions to residents and asks the City to provide a strong public awareness campaign. https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-1208_mot_10-19-21.pdf Moved by Mann, who related that this was going to start on January 1st but has been postponed. This asks Sanitation to tell us how they are going to implement and how they are going to charge. She referenced an article in City Watch. Passed by 26 yeases, 0 noes & one abstention by Longcore.

Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances

Ellen Evans, Chair

21. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing and Party House Ordinances:

Chair Evans noted that this home sharing enforcement motion by CD4, CD5 and two other Councilmembers will be heard by PLUM February 1st. We have a CIS on it already. She'll

distribute information for your constituents of stakeholder groups and board members so they can know how to feedback on it. Next month the committee will bring a new draft of the Party House Handbook. An email on the hearing will be sent. Members Kwan & Mann congratulated Evans on the party house handbook.

Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting
Travis Longcore, Chair

22. Dissolution of Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting

Motion to dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting, having completed the tasks within its purview was moved by Weinberg, seconded and approved by unanimous consent. Longcore thanked the committee for all their work.

New Business

23. Election to Fill Vacancy in North of Sunset Residential District

The North of Sunset Residential District has two representatives on the Board. One seat is currently vacant. The Board may nominate and then elect a qualified stakeholder to fill this vacancy for the duration of the term of the seat (until 2023). The Board may also confirm an alternate to this position in the event the person elected wishes to nominate one upon election. Larry Leisten was asked a question on what would be appropriate to fill a vacancy in a publicly-elected residential district seat.

Ellen Evans nominated Bradford Cobb, who has been her alternate, and has been attending meetings regularly for the last year and a half. She read a written statement by Bradford. With no other nominations, nominations were closed and there was no objection to election by acclamation for Brad to fill the rest of the term until the 2023 election. Longcore welcomed and invited everyone to welcome him to the Board. *[Asher Barondes arrived at approximately 8:30 pm.]*

24. Own a Piece of LA / Los Angeles Administrative Code / Amendment / Santa Monica Mountains Zone / City-Owned Surplus Property (Council File 21-1470; Koretz/Raman)

Motion: That the BABCNC support of motion in Council File 21-1470, which would require that the City give the Conservancy the first right of refusal to acquire surplus City-owned land in the Santa Monica Mountain Zone. The public resources code already requires this. The motion would codify this in the City's Administrative Code.

https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2021/21-1470_mot_12-08-21.pdf

The motion was moved by Schlesinger and seconded. Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Hall, related his wholehearted support for this and thanked Wendy Sue Rosen and Tony Tucci, who coordinated with the sponsors. Questions were asked and answered by Hall and the motion passed unanimously by all 26 members present and voting.

25. Unlawful Sitting, Lying, Sleeping / Unlawful Personal Property Storage, Use, Maintenance (CF 21-0929; Buscaino/Koretz)

Motion: To support the proposed resolution for the City Council to prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public rights-of-way within a radius of 500 feet from all schools listed in Attachment A to the Council File; and further, upon adoption of the resolution, for the City Council to direct the Department of Transportation to post signs giving notice of the restrictions in the radius specified, to request that the definition of "radius" be clarified to specify a radius of 500 feet from the exterior boundary lines of the schools listed in Attachment A to the Council File, and to file a CIS reflecting this position.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0929>
<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-cf-21-0929-buscaino-koretz/>

The motion was moved by Greenberg and seconded. Questions and requests for clarification were asked and answered.

Amendment to say 1,000 feet as opposed to 500 was moved by Wayne, seconded. Discussion was held on the amending motion to recommend 1000 foot radius around schools, not 500 feet:
Amendment passed with one abstention by Longcore; Evans was concerned about implementation.

Longcore introduced the main motion as amended with one no by Evans & one abstention by Longcore. VP Hall interjected that he would like our letter to say the City must provide opportunities to provide temporary shelter and opportunities to store their items before citation or simple removal. Longcore responded that technically he started a vote and we shouldn't go back. VP Hall **moved** to include a statement in our letter that we believe that opportunities for temporary shelter and storage of personal property be provided prior to enforcement. Longcore noted that it does require a two week period before signs go up. Hall would like it to be more than signs. The amendment was **seconded**, following which a good amount of Board discussion was held. Levotman noted that we have a lot of safeguards in place and called the question for the amending motion by Hall. The **amendment did not carry**, having 10 yeses, 12 noes and 4 abstentions.

Levotman called the question on the **main motion** to support the Council file and to add 1000 feet around schools, which **passed** by 20 yeses, 0 noes and 4 abstentions.

At 9:06 P.M., President Longcore opened the floor to the option to adjourn or continue. A **motion** to adjourn was made by Levotman. There were not enough yeses to do business, and the meeting (including items #26 through #29) was adjourned to **February 23, 2022**.

There was a request for Good of the Order and with everyone's permission, those who wanted to leave, left. Member Savage related that the Homeless Count will occur from Feb 22nd – 24th. She noted that it will be held in person again after two years, and highly encouraged participation.

Vice President Greenberg wished to adjourn the meeting in honor and memory of Alan Jeffrey Fine of Los Angeles, who died on January 27th, 2016. Greenberg noted that Alan Fine had served as Treasurer of our NC for 13 years and for Benedict Canyon HOA for 45 years. President Longcore responded by saying "may his memory be a blessing to us all" and thanked the Board for a productive meeting. The meeting concluded at 9:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nickie Miner,
Secretary

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