



Building A Better Community



**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Monthly Board Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday November 17, 2021, 7:00 P.M.**

DRAFT MINUTES Attachment "A"

| NAME | BOARD SEAT | Present | Absent |
|------------------------|--|----------------|---------------|
| Barondes, Asher | At-Large Youth Representative (2023) | | X |
| Bayliss, Shawn | Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (2023) | | X |
| Ellen Evans | 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 |
| Levotman, Vadim | Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association | X | |
| Longcore, Travis | Custodian of Open Space (2023) | X | |
| Loze, Donald | Benedict Canyon Association | X | |
| Mann, Mindy Rothstein | At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2023) | | X |
| Mieszala, Yves | North of Sunset District (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 |
| Ringler, Robert | Residents of Beverly Glen | X | |
| Kwan for Roy | Laurel Canyon Association | 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 | |
| Steven Prothro | Private K-6 Schools (2023) | X | |
| Total: | | 23 | 10 |

1. **Call to Order:** President Longcore called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.
2. **Flag Salute:** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.
3. **Roll Call:** Secretary Miner called the roll with 20 present initially; Member Kadin arrived at 7:17 P.M., and Members Holmes & Garfield arrived at 7:25 P.M., for a total of **23 present**.
4. **Approval of the Agenda Moved** by Member Wayne, **seconded** & **adopted**
5. **Approval of the Minutes**
Motion: Approve October 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A**) **Moved** by Members Ringler & Wayne; **adopted as written**.
6. **General Public Comment:** None
7. **Comments of Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies**

Nicolas Rodriguez, Congressman Ted Lieu’s District Director, standing in for Janet Turner this evening, came to give an update on airplane noise and the Santa Monica Mountains. Prior to providing this information, Mr. Rodriguez gave updates as follows: **Infrastructure Package** President signed into law with one trillion dollars of investment in infrastructure funding, 25 billion dollars for California highways, 4.2 billion for bridge replacements, 9.5 billion for public transportation; a minimum of 100 million to expand broadband and 125 million to provide protection from wildfires; also 6.5 billion for affordable housing. They are trying to move forward on **Build Back Better**, with major investment in infrastructure & addressing the environment and global climate change.

West VA Progress Report: Mr. Rodriguez related the efforts with the WLA VA to create housing for vets, including construction of three buildings at the WLA VA for about 150 veterans & family members... in the early phase of WLA VA to be a community for veterans, with wraparound services and a town center... Work is being done at MacArthur Field adjacent to the three buildings under construction for housing... along with a commitment of the Secretary at the urging of Congressman Lieu to provide housing for veterans living in the encampment adjacent to the VA on San Vicente. Almost all those veterans have been housed either on the VA campus or elsewhere through **“Community Treatment or Rehabilitation Services Program”**; temporary steps toward those veterans being housed in permanent supportive housing or independent apartments. The Secretary is committed to get 500 currently homeless veterans housed in LA before year’s end... made possible by the **“West LA Leasing Act”** and **“WLA Improvement Act”** among other legislation by the Congressman.
Airplane News: Mr. Rodriguez noted that the City’s lawsuit against the FAA to refer back to the old flight paths at Van Nuys & Hollywood Burbank Airport wasn’t successful but the work will continue. He provided a detailed update. Questions were asked and answered.

Jarrett Thompson, Field Deputy for Councilmember Paul Koretz, 5th District – President Longcore read from a written report by Jarrett, who was unable to attend this evening:
 1) Redistricting will be finalized in December. 2) A new ordinance proposed by Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian sets in place legislation that bans automatically giving out plastic eating utensils unless the customer specifically asks for them, in effect as of Monday. For questions or concerns, email jarrett.thompson@lacity.org or call Jarrett at 213-505-0798.

Reports of Officers

8. **President** – Travis Longcore gave update from Member Mann in her absence, that the Sustainability Alliance discussed the expansion of the LA Zoo, and voted to support Alternative #1 (CF#21-0828); they recommended supporting our motion on the Mulholland Scenic Parkway, and had a presentation about alternative gift-giving ideas that don’t add waste. President Longcore reminded the board of the anti-bias training we are all obligated to take by the end of this month.
9. **Vice President – Operations** – Robin Greenberg noted that we have no meetings at the moment and wished us a wonderful holiday season.

10. Vice President – Legislative Affairs – Jamie Hall noted that we have two important motions on the agenda introduced by five city councilmembers related to conservation efforts in the Santa Monica Mountains, and that he shared the resolution we adopted regarding SB9, in Word, with Planning Deputies of CD4 & 5, in the hope that they introduce & shepherd it through the City Council.

11. Secretary – Nickie Miner – No report

12. Treasurer – Vadim Levotman

Motion: Approval of the October 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachment B**) **moved** by Treasurer Levotman; **seconded; 21 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstention** by President Longcore (*who is only voting to break a tie*) and **1 ineligible**, Member Prothro; **passed**

Reports of Standing Committees

Planning & Land Use Robert Schlesinger, Chair

13. Report of the Planning & Land Use Committee: Vice Chair Savage provided a report on Crisler Way, noting that there was a 4+ hour long hearing yesterday on Zoom with a lot of public comment on Crisler Way. The case file will be open for an additional 60 days for further comments. The board sent a letter that she read aloud along and additional letters from LCA.

14. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) as Trustee Agency

PLU Motion: Recommend to the BABCNC Board to write a letter and submit a CIS in support of the Resolution in **Council File #21-1284** to Recognize SMMC as a Trustee Agency of CEQA and the Big Wild-Topanga State Park Core Habitat Area Linkage Maps. (**Attachment C – CC motion**) **Moved** by PLU Committee/Chair Schlesinger. VP of Legislative Affairs Hall spoke in favor of the motion and highlighted its significance: We are blessed to have SMMC which advocates for the conservation of the Santa Monica Mountains... The letter confirms that SMMC meets the legal definition of being a “trustee agency” acknowledging what has always been the case. The hope is that the City might look at the development projects with a closer eye and give more credibility to what the SMMC says. He added that the City has ignored “habitat maps” that the SMMC has adopted and that this would direct the City to acknowledge them and use them as intended. President Longcore added that the trustee agencies hold or protect resources in the public trust, e.g., Fish and Wildlife... and in this instance the resource is the Santa Monica Mountains. No one spoke in opposition. The **motion carried** by **22 ayes, 0 nays & 1 abstention** by President Longcore.

15. Mulholland Scenic Parkway Design Review Board Compliance

PLU Motion: Recommend to the BABCNC Board to write a letter and submit a CIS in support of the Resolution in **Council File #21-1286** which **moves** that the Planning Department report back in 90 days on how the Specific Plan... is in substantial conformance with the intent to manage development in environmentally sensitive areas in the absence of DRB review for all projects, visible & non-visible; **and** report back in 90 days with an update on existing and future natural community conservation efforts such as the Wildlife Pilot Study, Ridgeline Protection Ordinance, and Hillside Construction Regulations, and with recommended strategies to introduce for Citywide implementation; **and** report back in 90 days with an analysis that:

- Assesses and identifies parcels of land that are appropriate for conservation as determined by trustee agencies such as the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy;
- Identifies fully protected species - as well as candidate, sensitive, or species of special status as determined by state or federal agencies - within these parcels; and
- Recommends additional measures required to comprehensively conserve and manage the City's natural biological diversity and encourage compatible and appropriate growth and development within these parcels. (**Attachment D – City Council motion**) **Moved** by Committee/Chair Schlesinger. Chair Schlesinger commented that the committee wrote an incredible letter; this was a mistake that needs to be corrected. No questions or comments by the board. The **motion carried** by **22 ayes, 0 nays & 1 abstention** by President Longcore.

Outreach Committee
Robin Greenberg, Chair

16. Report of the Outreach Committee

17. Funding Motion: To recommend to the BABCNC Board approve The Webcorner's upgrade to our website with setup cost of \$2,500 & Monthly Maintenance fee of \$199/month (**Attachment E**) Moved by Outreach Committee/Chair Greenfield. Questions were asked and answered. Treasurer Levotman noted that the Budget Committee discussed speaking to other providers. **Motion:** To postpone this item to a time certain, to the December board meeting, to give time for the Outreach Committee to investigate other providers. **Moved** by Treasurer Levotman; **seconded; 20 ayes; 0 nays; 3 abstentions** by Members Ringler, Weinberg & President Longcore; **Motion is postponed.**

18. Funding Motion: To recommend to the BABCNC Board to renew the 10 pole banners that are installed on Beverly Glen from Tiffany Circle to Angelo Drive, and to approve the funding expenditure for Permit Processing @ \$250.00 plus taxes = \$273.75. Triple A Flag & Banner requires a payment and a new Council motion that approves the program to permit from February 2022 to February 2023 before ordering the permits. (**Attachment F**) **Moved** by Greenberg/Committee. Members Schlesinger & Stojka spoke in favor for good exposure banners provide. Roll call vote was taken and **passed** with **20 ayes; 0 nays; 2 abstentions:** Member Loze & President Longcore; **1 ineligible:** Member Prothro; **passed.**

Traffic Committee
Irene Sandler, Chair

19. Report of the Traffic Committee: Chair Sandler reported on the special November 3rd meeting arranged by President Longcore with Metro, regarding the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project and noted that we can comment and ask questions beginning November 30th until sometime around February. We'll have a traffic committee meeting dedicated to new information once received.

Chair Sandler noted recent major traffic problems on canyon roads, accidents and safety concerns and asked Member Ringler to comment. He provided a detailed response, including but not limited to issue of limited resources for WLA, and suggesting keeping up complaints. Call 213-473-0215 LAPD West Traffic Division which covers WLA. Be specific as to the kind of incidences and call them on the more serious ones, e.g., donuts, speeding, upticks of accidents where there have been injuries, as statistics on that are a great resource. Member Evans noted that the east side has Traffic SLO, Officer Mark Buck, and that it sometimes helps to call on the Traffic SLO.

Member Kadin mentioned that Benedict Canyon Association is looking into solutions such as license plate readers and electronic signs that show speeds; James Allen is the new SLO for their area, and that LAPD has to see the speeding in order to generate a citation. Member Ringler recommended putting pressure on council offices. Members Miner & Levotman discussed noise from modified auto exhaust systems, for which LAPD needs special equipment to measure; CHP has it but is difficult to get them to enforce. As to private security, Levotman noted that they cannot cite, pull people over and can only report a crime. Evans agreed that private security has little or no effect on traffic.

President Longcore asked the board to get their ideas to the Traffic Committee for actions to take. Beverly Glen had a proposal for traffic calming physical design, bump outs, medians, etc., to control speed through road design. He encouraged involvement in the scoping process.

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing and Party House Ordinances
Ellen Evans, Chair

- 20. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing and Party House Ordinances:** Chair Evans noted that committee met; they are revising the Party House Handbook and working on ways to promote party house enforcement, which has been challenging as parties are in full swing, at least in her area, and LAPD is understaffed. She has heard there may be relief early in the new year.
- 21. Motion** by Chair Evans to nominate Members Greenberg, Levotman & Kwan to the Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances; none opposed; **supported by acclamation.**

Ad Hoc Committee on LADBS

Stella Grey, Chair

- 22. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on LADBS:** Stella Grey was not present this evening; however, President Longcore reported, having sat in on the meeting, that the committee passed a motion regarding the measurement of substandard streets and the need for a process to update that so that entitlements were not given inappropriately. That was passed and conveyed. We met with CD4 & CD5... and CD4 is interested in a pipeline of motions about improving the quality of service from LADBS in terms of following the rules.

Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting

Travis Longcore, Chair

- 23. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting:** Chair Longcore provided update on the Redistricting Commission, including but not limited to that they sent its recommendation to City Council, including our recommendation. He noted that this board, our stakeholder groups and HOAs responded, and we played a little intermediate role... There will be another public hearing on 11/26 and on 12/01 the City Council will vote on the map. He believes that since both Councilmembers agree there is a low probability our work will be undone. Member Evans noted that the current drafts of the maps and the assembly maps are quite different than what we have now. She encouraged every stakeholder group to look at these maps tonight or tomorrow, noting that nobody is in Ted Lieu's district any longer. Go look and be part of the process. Email Ellen and she will send an email to Board@babnc.org so everyone can have it and send it to their stakeholder groups.

New Business

24. Establishment of Deputy Chair Position

Discussion and Possible Motion: To establish the role of Deputy Chair (or Chairs) for any Ad Hoc or Standing Committee for the purpose of assisting with the operation of the committee. In contrast with the Chair and Vice Chair, Deputy Chairs would not be required to be Board Members. The intent of such a position is to involve stakeholders in committee leadership and take advantage of the interest and expertise of stakeholders not currently serving on the Board. Deputy Chairs are to be elected in the same manner as the Chair and Vice Chair position through nomination by the President and election by the Board.

Chair Longcore introduced this and thanked Member Sandler for pushing this forward. This is something to add to standing rules. A "Deputy Chair" would not be required to be a board member but would be willing to assist the Chair with the work of committee. **Moved** by Member Evans; **seconded**; no objection to **unanimous consent**, except by the Chair who abstained; **Passed**.

25. Section 245 Motion for City Council to Hear Appeal of Project at 627 N. Carcassonne Road

Discussion and Possible Motion: To support City Council asserting jurisdiction over the project at 627 N. Carcassonne Road and to submit a CIS regarding such position. **(Attachment G)**

The Chair noted that agenda items #25 & 26 are motions by Councilmember Koretz with seconds and sometimes thirds. Discussion was held, in which Member Wayne noted that she has appraised both properties which are adjoining massive properties with houses

25,000 square feet plus and guest houses that are over 10,000 square feet. Chair Longcore discussed the process on this, noting if the motion passes through City Council.... the Council would vote on these projects, which would allow another round of hearings for affected parties to testify on them. **Passed** by unanimous consent, save the Chair; **20 yes; 1 abstention** by Chair Longcore

26. Section 245 Motion for City Council to Hear Appeal of Project at 10701 W. Bellagio Road
Discussion and Possible Motion: To support City Council asserting jurisdiction over the project at 10701 W. Bellagio Road and to submit a CIS regarding such position. (**Attachment H**)
Moved by Members Miner/Wayne. **Passed** by unanimous consent save the Chair; **20 yes; 1 abstention** by Chair Longcore

27. Good of the Order: Vice President of Operations Greenberg gave update on past board member Larry Leisten. Member Miner and Wayne wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

28. Adjournment to December 22, 2021 (Returning to 4th Wednesday) Meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nickie Miner,
Secretary