



Minutes

Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee & BABCNC Committee Chair Persons

Monday October 7, 2019 10:00 am

Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse

2760 Claray Los Angeles, CA 90077

1. **Call to Order – Robin Greenberg, President & Chair** called the meeting to order @ 10:20am.

2. **Executive Committee Roll Call – Robin Greenberg**

2 present: Robin Greenberg & Nickie Miner

3 absent: Robert Ringler, Philip Enderwood & Jamie Hall absent

3. **Committee Chairpersons Roll Call:**

4 Present:

- Bylaws, Standing Rules & Elections Committee – *Larry Leisten, Chair*

- Planning & Land Use Committee – *Robert Schlesinger, Chair*

- Public Works and Telecommunications Committee – *Marcia Wilson Hobbs, Chair*

- Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues – *Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair*

4. **Motion:** Approval of October 7, 2019 AGENDA (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
Marcia moved; Larry seconded; 6/0/0; approved.

5. **Motion:** Approval of September 5, 2019 MINUTES
Marcia moved; Robert seconded; 5/0/1 abstention: Larry; approved.

6. **Public Comment:** None.

7. **Chairpersons Items:**

a) **Report** from each Chairperson on what your committee is doing.

Bylaws, Standing Rules & Elections Committee – *Larry Leisten, Chair* Larry related that 1) he is still drafting the open letter to LC residents in response to article in Canyon News. He plans to deliver it to Jamie or Stephanie and they'll decide how to distribute it. 2) He will do the response to the City Clerk's office. He expressed the proactive before the BONC but not before the Clerk. He would like to establish a protocol where we meet the poll worker before Election Day, as in this go around there was no communication. He will also comment on the address list that was provided by this NC. 3) He still needs to call a meeting of the Bylaws Rules committee to think about any revisions we want to the Bylaws; from November to April or May; and wants to work on Standing Rules. It requires a sit-down individually with each committee chair.

Planning & Land Use Committee – *Robert (Bob) Schlesinger, Chair* Bob noted that they have three projects on trees; three motions for discussion and a possible vote; five projects. They all have hearings and so they are starting the PLU meeting at 6:30. Marcia noted that trees are a countywide item. Bob noted that this is DPW Urban Forestry, and that we'll do the best we can.

Bob related that he has downloaded CEQA document and is writing a letter, this will be technical; he will run it by Jamie; Larry said there is case law. Larry noted that chances are that this has come up before and have been litigated. Bob spoke on cumulative impact on protected trees. The city exempts categorical exemptions. He will write the piece.

Public Works and Telecommunications Committee – *Marcia Wilson Hobbs, Chair* Marcia asked for a definition of what she needs to look after and keep track of. She follows this in her area. Larry gave some input, this would be DWP and phone companies. Larry noted that the future is 5G. He noted that the copper lines are Frontier. He discussed the fiber loop.

Discussion ensued in regard to not being able to get cell service in the canyons. Larry knows that community is concerned about EMF. He related some history of cell towers in the area, beginning with Verizon in a shopping area, and noting that we used to have applications referred by the ZA, last five years ago, service Hotel Bel Air.

Larry noted that ATT & Verizon asked for streamlining of approvals. He discussed Above Ground Facilities (AGF) telecommunication facilities; any AGF the city has some jurisdiction for.

Robert noted that one tower has four different companies on it at Benedict Canyon. In the '90s, he gathered 28-29 signatures representing 45 phone numbers, and he made contact with President of Verizon in Irvine. Following a meeting, they put up a cell tower on Angelo. Larry noted that Dan Weingarten was the former chairperson for this committee, whom he recalls tried every few years to get a new one with Verizon. Robert noted that we have none or very few towers.

Mindy noted that calls drop all the time. Larry noted that there are some black holes. Larry noted that it changes all the time. Marcia noted that they had a problem in Bel Air both wireless and phone lines... Larry noted that AT&T has splice boxes, and they are supposed to be waterproof but if you don't close them right – noting a situation in Deep Canyon, which is steep and the water pooled up. Larry noted that once it hits the fiber, no problem. Robert opined that there would be nothing wrong with putting it on a phone pole.

Larry gave engineers a legal description of parcels and to make adjustments for a new cell facility. If you can identify a specific parcel that your neighbors can support... Larry mentioned Elon Musk's satellites. Larry continued that the key is if you have a property owner or if there is any public land, choose your wireless provider, and say that here is a parcel that our community will support a cell site, they'll respond. Got to put it in a high point. They go to a bay station and then get thrown to the ground.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues – *Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair* – Mindy noted that the first meeting (in a while) will be held at Tree People this Friday. She has a long list of possible items/goals to work on; will see which we want to work on first. Environmental issues need to be done, not just spoken about. Enforcement is an issue for so many things in the city. Need to have these issues mesh with resilience. We want to put things in place.

Marcia asked what the penalty for whacking a protected tree is. Mindy noted it is the same thing as party houses. Mindy noted that if CD office finds out that they have cut down protected trees, per Paul Koretz, they put a stop on the project. Robin would like Andy Shrader to attend Mindy's meeting.

Mindy noted that she has as a goal, but that it's a long process, and that she tries to provide education in the BCA newsletter. She noted that urban forestry has suffered for a long time; there is no money; need people to invest in this, both private landowners who have the trees on their own properties and Urban Forestry on public land. She sees a need to educate the people on the importance of trees two ways: 1) We need to educate the general public through newsletters, banners, etc., and 2) we have Councilmembers in our areas who care about the environment and represent people in the canyon. 3) We also have to work with people in other council districts as to the importance of trees in our areas. Our area impacts their areas.

Outreach Committee – *Ellen Evans, Chair* was not present this morning; however, she sent an email update that she emailed Jon with specific dates for a possible Outreach meeting at HW. She has not heard back and thinks she should probably choose an alternate location.

b) **Discussion & Possible Motion** for proposed Standing Rules from Committee Chairs **Deferred**

8. **Executive Committee Items:**

a) **Discussion & Possible Motion:** To create Standing Rules RE: 1) **Scheduling/Dates for Committee Meetings;** 2) **Setting Deadlines for Agendas or Agenda Contents to be Submitted to Board Administrator** so agendas can go out in a timely manner prior to the 72-hour deadline. Suggestions include the following for consideration, discussion and other ideas:

- That committee meeting dates not be on the week that Board meeting agenda goes out if possible unless no motions are anticipated to be agendized for the Board meeting.

- That final agenda to be sent to Board or Committee, Webmaster and City no later than 12:00 noon Friday for meetings on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday so that email blasts can go out before the weekend.

- That for a Thursday or Friday meeting, that agenda go out at least a day earlier, e.g., sending Friday 12:00 noon for Thursday meetings & Monday 12:00 noon for Friday meetings.

- That contents of all agendas that require help from Board Administrator be submitted to him/her a minimum of 1-2 days prior to agenda going out; not the same day, e.g., if a meeting is taking place on a Tuesday, such as PLU Committee, contents of the agenda be sent to Board Administrator by Thursday so it can be sent out by Friday noon before the meeting.

- That the same applies for full board meeting agenda: Final contents of board agenda should be submitted no later than Thursday before meeting so full board agenda can go out by Friday noon. [There is a process in place to collect agenda items for full board meeting during week before board meeting. Final review of draft agenda should be completed by Thursday evening latest so agenda can go out by noon Friday.]

Larry suggests having these in the standing rules, in a table/graph format; relative to meetings, day/week.

b) **Discussion & Possible Motion:** To create a process for individuals or committee chairs to submit requests for scheduling speakers to avoid overloading board meeting with too many speakers.

DEFERRED

c) **Discussion & Review** of proposed items for the 10/23/2019 agenda: Need to include that we have a photographer coming at 6:40 for Board Group Photo.

9. **Good of the Order:**

1) Discussed photos at next meeting and need for head shots and profiles.

2) Jamie has suggested that BABCNC have a table/booth at their upcoming LCA meeting on 10/17 6:30pm @ the Mulholland Tennis Club.

10. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm

Next Executive Committee Meeting: TBD

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday 10/23/2019

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