



**Building A Better Community** 

## **Minutes**

## **Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council**

**Virtual Executive Committee Meeting** 

Thursday July 9, 2020 4:00 pm

1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Robin Greenberg, Board President & Chair + Nickie Miner, VP, Robert Ringler, Secretary, Jacqueline Kennedy, Treasurer, Board Member Jamie Hall; Committee Chairs: Larry Leisten, Bob Schlesinger or Stephanie Savage, Chuck Maginnis, Irene Sandler, Ellen Evans & Marcia Hobbs. - Robin called the meeting to order at 4:07pm.

**<u>10 Present</u>**: Robin, Nickie, Robert R., Jacqueline, Jamie, Larry, Stephanie, Ellen & Irene; Bob arrived as a call in at 4:20 pm

2 Absent: Marcia & Chuck

- 2. <u>Motion</u>: Approval of July 9, 2020 Executive Committee AGENDA (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2) Moved by Ellen; Seconded by Jacqueline; 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions; passed
- 3. <u>Motion</u>: Approval of March 6, 2020 Joint Executive Committee & Bylaws Committee Meeting MINUTES <u>Moved</u> by Larry; <u>Seconded</u> by Robin; <u>9 yes</u>, <u>0 no</u>, <u>0 abstentions</u>; <u>passed</u>
- 4. General Public Comment: BABCNC welcomes comment on any topic not on adopted agenda. None

## 5. <u>Discussion & Possible Motion:</u> <u>Establish Procedures to Run for Board Offices for 07/22/2020 meeting.</u>

- Brown Act requires BABCNC to inform public of Board Members running for each office. Officer elections take place during open Meeting. This requires compliance with Brown Act. Board Action is to accept nomination of candidate running for each office and to hold open ballot election. Therefore notice of candidates running for each office is required.
- Candidates who announce their candidacy shall be named in the agenda.
- If no candidate is running for a particular office by close of candidate filing period, then during open Meeting, floor may be opened for nomination of candidates to fill particular office.
- If Board Member has not announced candidacy prior to the meeting, he or she will not be allowed to run for office unless no candidate has filed to run for such office.
- More formal procedure to be established in Standing Rules for 2021 Officer Elections.
- Once procedure is adopted by Committee, notice to go out to Board soliciting nominations and/or desire to run for particular office.
- Ballots will be prepared for each office with names of candidates on ballot.
- Ballot for office with no candidates running will have line to write-in any candidate nominated during Meeting
- In addition to announcing candidacy, any Board Member may nominate another Board Member, but such nomination is only valid upon consent of nominated Board Member.
  - Larry explained that this is to establish a process: Announce candidacy; if you nominate others, person needs to accept; open and close it prior to time of publishing agenda. If no one is interested in running for an office position, can take nominations from the floor during meeting. Follow open ballot process or open show of hands/ayes or nays, based on who announces candidacy prior to filing period. That individual's name appears on ballot; if no one, have blank ballot. If anyone is interested in running for an office, they have to announce.

[Bob S. arrived by phone @ 4:20pm.]

Larry presented hypothetical that some will run for more than one office: Need to disclose 1) precedence by which office or elections will be held; start with President, VP, Leg/Op, Secretary, Treasurer or reverse; 2) address an individual who may want to run for more than one office, and their preference. How do we deal with that? Robert asked as to those termed out, to which Larry noted that we have language in the bylaws: if you're an incumbent and no one runs, that's an exception.

Jamie mentioned having a nominating committee which makes recommendations. He doesn't want to see a situation where people are running against each other causing dissention.

Jacqueline asked what will be our manner of voting. E-mail? Blue hand? Need to come up with an efficient and accurate way to count the vote. Larry noted that we can't do written ballots unless there is an email versus hand votes.

Larry commented on Jamie's idea of having a nominating committee. We don't have anything in the standing rules; he hoped that this committee can set up something that could be put into the standing rules. He's open to any structure.

Larry asked, if we have a nominating committee will there be some kind of standard to qualify to run? Robert noted since we have bifurcated the VP position does that mean they start from scratch as to terms? Further discussion held on having an ad-hoc nominating committee.

Larry noted there will be a candidate filing period to see who wants to run. Jamie noted that this would be to have a formal process, where people declare their candidacy; it's all put on the agenda, and there is a ballot created with their name on it.

Larry noted that once it becomes public, and once their name is on the ballot, it doesn't preclude that individual from withdrawing their name as a candidate at the meeting.

Robin explained that starting tomorrow, Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>, we can open the ability to be a candidate, and that list stops next Thursday: Submit your name and a paragraph as to your reasons to be elected to that position, then that list is put into the agenda by Cathy next Friday, which gives people notice.

Robert R had some questions. Larry noted if one of the new VP offices goes empty, Nickie can go for that office.

<u>Motion</u>: Starting tomorrow, submit name with your desire to be a candidate, and conclude that you have read and understood the bylaws on that position. Closed candidate filing next Thursday morning. Cathy will include list of candidates in the 07/22/2020 agenda. <u>Moved</u> by Robin, <u>seconded</u> by Larry; <u>6 ves</u>: Robin, Stephanie, Ellen, Bob, Larry & Jamie; <u>2 no</u>: Robert & Irene; <u>passed</u>. Will start making list tomorrow. Submit to Cathy; Ellen will make a Google form.

## 6. Standing Committee Chair Reports (2 minutes each)

- a) Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee Larry Leisten, Chair
  - Larry reported that we did get approval from the BONC on governmental structure change, and DONE approved our bylaws. Jasmine provided the board with their approved version of the bylaws, highlighting which changes were accepted, some were not; some Jasmine and he had not discussed. Jasmine then ran things by Semee, some she did not accept, such as committee at which no action was taken. Larry will go through and deal with the formatting, and distribute to the board.
  - Larry noted that Jasmine and their counterparts had to approve and get them to the clerk by July 1. They lost six weeks.
  - Robert would like to bring the process to the board for board approval.
  - Larry will attend to the standing rules now that he has some time and bring it into that.

**Motion**: To either have votes by show of hands or roll call.

**2 for show of hands:** Jamie & Larry

5 for roll call vote: Stephanie, Nickie, Robert, Bob, Jacqueline, Larry; Roll call vote passed.

- b) Planning & Land Use Committee Robert Schlesinger, Chair or Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair:
  - Stephanie noted that the PLUC meets next Tuesday.
  - Bob noted that they will be changing the format and if successful, we'll make it short, brief, factual. Ellen has been very good in helping him.
  - Bob wants to discuss Ordinance 245-E.
- c) Emergency Preparedness Committee Chuck Maginnis, Chair Absent
- d) Traffic Committee Irene Sandler, Chair Unable to tune in
- e) Outreach Committee Ellen Evans, Chair
  - Ellen related that they have had very good reaction to the lawn signs, have been posting pictures with them so people can get to know us.
  - We are having a blood drive on 26<sup>th</sup>. (*Ellen had to leave the meeting @ 4:55pm.*)
- f) Budget & Finance Committee Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Chair No report
- g) Public Works and Telecommunications Committee Marcia Wilson Hobbs, Chair Absent
- h) Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues Mindy Mann Absent
- i) Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances Savage & Evans Have not met
- j) Ad-Hoc Committee regarding Continuing Teleconference Meetings after Safer-At-Home Order. This is to encourage leaders to retain option for teleconference meetings to participate in the public process. <u>Volunteers</u>: Nickie & Wendy & Jamie Jamie noted that to accomplish this would require changing State law; this would affect entire state.
- 7. Discuss Agenda for 07-22-2020 Board Meeting: Reviewed and noted
- 8. Speaker for Board Meeting: Councilmember David Ryu, CD4 7:45pm will be speaking.
- 9. Good of the Order: Robert Ringler asked for feedback from board members who attend CPAB regarding possible redundancy of having the same speakers at CPAB and Board meeting, to which Nickie noted that there is not much overlap, as she doesn't mind hearing the same information twice; however, it was noted that for guest speakers such as Deputy Fire Chief Hogan and LAPD Captain Tom, it is twice the time for them.

Bob opened discussion on the idea that there will be a place for teleconferencing after COVID, especially the Executive Committee meeting.

10. Adjournment Robin adjourned the meeting at 5:27, recognizing the passing of Jerry Daniel, for whom there is an Overlook named on Mulholland on the way to the Hollywood Bowl. He was the Chair of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and had an important role in forming an alliance between the SMMC and MRCA.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: TBD

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