





# Building A Better Community

# Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Virtual Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday October 8, 2020 5:00 PM

In Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Robin Greenberg, Board President	X		Robert Ringler, Secretary	X	
& Executive Committee Chair					
Ellen Evans, Vice President of	X		Jamie Hall, Vice President of	X	
Operations & Outreach Chair			Legislative Affairs		
Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Treasurer	X		Nickie Miner, Asst. Treasurer	X	
			& Budget & Finance Chair		
Robert Schlesinger, Planning &		X	Stephanie Savage, PLU	X	
Land Use Committee Chair			Committee Vice Chair		
Larry Leisten, Bylaws, Rules &	X		Patricia Murphy, Public	X	
Elections Chair			Works & Telecoms Chair		
Chuck Maginnis, Emergency		X	Irene Sandler, Traffic	X	
Preparedness Committee Chair			Committee Chair		

- 1. **Call to Order & Executive Committee Roll Call** Robin Greenberg called the meeting to order at 5:04pm and called the roll with 7 members present initially; Jamie arrived joined in shortly thereafter, Irene at 5:17 pm Patricia at 5:36 pm for a total of **10 present**.
- 2. <u>Motion</u>: Approval of October 8, 2020 Executive Committee AGENDA (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2) <u>Moved</u> by Robin; <u>seconded</u> by Larry; <u>passed unanimously.</u>
- 3. <u>Motion</u>: Approval of September 9, 2020 Executive Committee MINUTES (Attachment A) <u>Moved</u> by Robin; <u>seconded</u> by Nickie; <u>5 yes</u>; <u>0 no</u>; <u>2 Abstentions</u>: Ellen & Larry; <u>passed</u>.
- 4. **Public Comment:** BABCNC welcomes comment on any topic not on adopted agenda.

#### 5. Reports of Officers

- a) President Robin Greenberg related that we were a host on the CD4 Candidates Forum. She spoke at the BONC meeting last night on vote by mail for elections and on using money from NCs to satisfy the Mayor's request. Robin noted that some of the funds could be removed from Budget Advocates, NC Congress, etc. BONC also discussed a new digital communications policy (Attachment D #9 below).
- b) Vice President of Operations Ellen Evans related that Robin did a wonderful job introducing our neighborhood council at the CD4 Candidates Forum.
- c) Vice President of Legislative Affairs Jamie Hall No report. VP Hall related that Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order yesterday having several California agencies, e.g., Agriculture and Natural Resources, work on a plan to preserve land and biodiversity. Jamie has communicated with David Ryu on this and other related items and hopes that the full board can support the 30 x 30 movement.
- d) Secretary Robert Ringler thanked Ellen for including WLAPD meetings on our newsletter. He noted that the blood drive at the WLA Station went well and acknowledged the city's approval of Ellen's upcoming blood drive.

e) Treasurer – Jacqueline Le Kennedy gave update on the response to the Mayor's recommendation to remove funds from neighborhood councils.

## 6. Reports of Committee Chairs (2 minutes each)

- a) Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee Larry Leisten, Chair
  - We have been provided with an election information worksheet to identify drop box locations, primary and alternate, for Vote by Mail Election. Larry suggested Harvard Westlake School or Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse on Claray, noting the need to complete the worksheet and have the board approve it.
  - We received information about scheduling. [See Item #7 below for NC Elections dates: (Attachment B)]
  - We may do outreach to encourage people to drive to the drop box.
  - Robin recommended Bel Air Association (BAA) Office. Jamie agreed with BAA over other two locations.
  - Larry recommended talking with Jon Wimbish, André, and/or Shawn about location; will bring to board.
- b) Planning & Land Use Committee Robert Schlesinger, Chair or Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair Stephanie noted that the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 10/13 will have speakers on the Hollywood Plan Update.
- c) Emergency Preparedness Committee Chuck Maginnis, Chair Not present
- d) Traffic Committee Irene Sandler, Chair related that there are a lot of people concerned about traffic, especially Roscomare. She would like to have a meeting.
- e) Outreach Committee Ellen Evans, Chair related that the upcoming blood drive has been approved and that she has sent out a newsletter. She thanked Stephanie for providing a committee corner item in the newsletter. The next meeting is Monday, where they will focus on an outreach plan for the election. They still have lawn signs.
- f) Budget & Finance Committee Nickie Miner, Chair and Assistant Treasurer, recommended inviting Marion Dodge of Hillside Federation to PLU Committee to hear about Hollywood Community Plan, which she follows.
- g) Public Works and Telecommunications Committee Patricia Murphy, Chair has nothing to report now but has sent out a copy of draft mission and goals. She is aiming for Friday October 15<sup>th</sup> for the next meeting.
- h) Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues Mindy Mann Not present
- i) Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances Stephanie Savage & Ellen Evans: Ellen mentioned the forum regarding enforcement of the home sharing and party-house ordinances. They'll have a meeting next week to discuss what to do.
- j) Ad-Hoc Cmte. RE Continuing Teleconference Meetings after Safer-At-Home Order Jamie Hall No Report

## **New Business** (Discussion, Updates & Possible Motions)

- 7. NC Elections: (Attachment B) [These items were discussed above, under agenda item #6.a.]
  - a) Candidate Filing Period Begins: Saturday February 6, 2021
  - b) Region 11 BABCNC Election Date: Tuesday June 8, 2021
  - c) <u>Discussion & Possible Motion</u>: The NC Election Worksheet is due on November 13<sup>th</sup> (Attachment C) Larry Leisten would like to bring this to the board to discuss.
- 8. New Wildfire Page on the LAFD website: <a href="https://www.lafd.org/wildfire">https://www.lafd.org/wildfire</a> (Posted on the BABCNC website)
- 9. BONC's new <u>Digital Communications Policy for Neighborhood Councils</u>
  - There will be a period of public comment prior to BONC voting on this. (**Attachment D**) Robin related that BONC recommends a new digital policy to include having a Moderator and an Account Administrator; could be the same person or two different people or the President or a Chair. They want us to open a Digital Communication Account for a committee or other groups, so all we would be doing would go through the city. Will put this on agenda to discuss.

- 10. Required Online Courses for PLU Committee Members: Planning 101 Training Series:
  - All PLU Committee members must attend one of each course in order to vote on PLU. (Attachment E)
- 11. Possible Agenda Items & Guest Speakers for 10/28/2020 Meeting:
  - a. Guest Speakers: MRCA on a parcel assessment measure, HH, Fire Prevention Measure (Attachment F)
  - b. <u>Discussion & Possible Motion</u>: To take a position on the DWP Temescal Canyon Power Pole Replacement Project. DWP Presentation was given at the September 26, 2020 Board meeting (**Attachment G**)

Discussion ensued about whether this should be taken up by this NC. Nickie spoke on behalf of herself & BCA that they started the project without knowing about the Federally-Endangered Flora Species. Jamie thinks they should come back and we could take a position. Nickie needs encouragement from other parts of SM Mountains.

**Public Comment: Linda Whitford** noted that this is outside our NC's geographic area. She noted that DWP has sought our support; they had violations, environmental damage has been done; they went to PPCC seeking support and PPCC has put off any decision by their board until mitigation plan prior to the hearing. She reported that not only have they destroyed a Federally-Endangered Species which is located only within a limited range but also that without any notice or permission, they have graded on SMMC land. She believes they want to tone down any response to the violations they committed. Jamie recommended asking the MRCA representative at our upcoming board meeting about this.

Robin will refer this to Custodians of Outdoor Spaces Representative, Dr. Travis Longcore.

- 12. Choose Best Months for Possible Future Speakers:
  - Mas Dojiri, Biodiversity Team Leader at LASAN, re Biodiversity initiative
  - **Greg Good,** Department of Public Works President, & **Adel Hagekhalil**, Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) Executive Director and General Manager November
  - **Nurit Katz**, UCLA's Chief Sustainability Officer & Executive Officer of Facilities Mgt. Robert Ringler will invite her for December.
- 13. Good of the Order: Discuss ideas for future agenda items
  - Regarding Vote by Mail Only for NCs' Elections, Robin read from Community Impact Statements (CISs) from Granada Hills NC, which requests cancellation of the 2021 elections as vote by mail only will not be accessible to all stakeholders, and from Los Feliz NC also expressing opposition to vote by mail only. Granada Hills NC recommended \$6,800 go from the elections to disadvantaged stakeholders and to defer elections to 2023.
  - Larry acknowledged the merits of the above-mentioned CISs, and that vote by mail only is fraught with problems.
  - Jamie noted participation may increase and feels the position has been made; that we put in our position that it didn't have to be one or the other and we need to go in and make it a success.
  - Jamie asked if we should take a position on the HH ballot measure. He will ask the City Attorney if it is possible to take a position on Measure HH as it impacts this NC & HHW. We will await Jamie to agendize this.
  - Robert noted for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election, secured drop off locations are at 1) UCLA at Westwood Plaza, at the Kiosk from Wilshire going north, and at 2) Holmby Park near Harvard Westlake.
- 14. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday 11/05 @ 5:00pm

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