



Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Virtual Joint Executive Committee / Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday February 4, 2021 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Dial (669) 900-6833 or (888) 475 4499 / Webinar ID: 892 8029 5861
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89280295861>

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
<u>Executive Committee Members</u>					
Robin Greenberg, Board President & Executive Committee Chair	X		Robert Ringler, Current Board Secretary, Past President	X	
Ellen Evans, Vice President of Operations & Outreach Chair	X		Jamie Hall, Vice President of Legislative Affairs		X
Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Treasurer	X		Nickie Miner, Asst. Treasurer & Budget & Finance Chair	X	
Robert Schlesinger, Planning & Land Use Committee Chair	X		Larry Leisten, Bylaws, Rules & Elections Chair	X	
Chuck Maginnis, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair		X	Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair	X	
Patricia Murphy, Public Works & Telecoms Chair	X				
<u>Budget & Finance Committee Members</u>					
Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Treasurer	X		Nickie Miner, Asst. Treasurer & Budget & Finance Chair	X	
Robin Greenberg, Board President & Executive Committee Chair	X		Cathy Wayne	X	
Kristie Holmes		X	Heather Roy		X

- Call to Order:** Board President, Robin Greenberg, called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.
- Executive Committee Roll:** 8 present initially, **9 present** upon the arrival of Patricia Murphy, @ 5:08pm and **2 absent**.
- Budget & Finance Committee Roll Call:** **4 present** and **2 absent**.
- Rob Farber was also present and will be placed back on the Budget & Finance Committee at the next board meeting.
- Flag Salute**
- Executive Committee Motions**
- Motion:** Approve February 4, 2021 Joint Exec & B&F Committee AGENDA **Moved** by L. Leisten & E. Evans; **8-0-0**.
- Motion:** Approve Oct. 22, 2020 Special Exec. Cmte. & Jan. 7, 2021 Exec. Cmte Meeting MINUTES (**Attachments**) **Moved** by Larry Leisten & **seconded** by Robert Ringler for both meeting minutes. Minutes-taker Cathy noted that the October 22, 2020 Special Meeting minutes had not been voted on and are brought for approval today.
Amendment: Regarding the January 7th minutes, Larry requested information that 1) under Item #12, clarify comment that Robin reported on Zoom meeting with Raquel Beltrons and reps of 58 other NCs, and add comments discussed with Jamie that Zoom meetings be done on a limited basis, such as quarterly. [January recording shows Larry would consider one Zoom meeting quarterly while Jamie and Bob one in-person meeting quarterly.]
- Amendment **moved** by Larry Leisten, **seconded** by Robert Ringler; **Motion as amended: Approved** by **8-0-0**.
- **The Oct. 22, 2020 Special Executive Committee MINUTES were unanimously approved as written.**

Budget & Finance Committee Motions

- Motion:** Approve February 4, 2021 Joint Exec & B&F Committee AGENDA (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2) **moved** by Cathy Wayne; **seconded; 4-0-0; approved.**

8. **Motion:** Approve June 18, 2020 Budget & Finance Committee MINUTES (**Attachment**)
Moved by Cathy Wayne & **seconded** by Jacqueline Le Kennedy; **4-0-0; approved.**
[Patricia arrived @ 5:08pm.]
9. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None.
10. **Funding Officer Training Sessions that all board members are welcome to attend:**
<https://clerk.lacity.org/neighborhood-council-funding/funding-trainings-and-workshops>
Funding Officer Training: Tuesday February 9th @ 2:00PM & Tuesday February 23rd @ 10:00am
NPG training and Q&A Sessions: Thursday February 4th @ 2:00 PM and Thursday February 18th @ 10am
11. **Budget & Finance Committee Report** – Miner, Chair / Asst. Treasurer & Kennedy, Treasurer
- a) **Report:** Status and Review of BABCNC Budget (**Attachment**) Jacqueline sent a copy of the budget worksheet, showing initial budget and what we spent to date. Numbers from the funding portal: To date, total Office spent \$8,500; total Outreach, \$1,126, half of allocated; Election spent \$4,391, exceeded \$2,500 originally estimated. Spent \$532 of \$550 budgeted for NPG for CLAW. There is uncategorized. \$14,918 total spent to date with less than \$19,000 remaining (*as of mid-Feb., there is \$17,523.80 remaining.*)
12. **Budget & Finance Committee New Business**
- a) **Motion:** To reallocate funds from Facilities (AJU) of \$3,000 to Elections category to account for the \$4,500 spent on elections mailers, which leaves \$1,000 in Elections. (There was \$2,500 in Elections category.)
Moved by Jacqueline; will bring this to the board. Will modify the worksheet before sending it to DONE.
Cathy **seconded**. Discussion was held. **4 yes:** Jacqueline, Robin, Cathy, Nickie; **0 no; 0 abstentions; passed.**
- Additionally, it was noted by the board administrator that Rob Farber was on the B&F Committee previously but was not present at the 07-22-2020 full board meeting when committees were re-seated. He would like to be back on the committee. It was agreed to place his reappointment on the board meeting agenda.
- b) **Discussion & Possible Motion:** Discussion was held on possible reallocation of funds to the Neighborhood Purpose Grant category. Jacqueline noted that we spent about \$500 on NPGs this year on CLAW. Cathy would like to wait until the next meeting to discuss another possible reallocation. Ellen asked Jacqueline if she could come up with any policy or procedure.
13. **Reports of Officers**
- a) President – Robin Greenberg noted that Julien is no longer with us; we have Octaviano Rios as our new NEA.
 - b) Vice President of Operations – Ellen Evans – No report
 - c) Vice President of Legislative Affairs – Jamie Hall – Absent (had another meeting)
 - d) Secretary – Robert Ringler - No report
 - e) Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer – Jacqueline Le Kennedy & Nickie Miner (As reported above)
14. **Reports of Committee Chairs**
- Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee** – Larry Leisten gave update as to the trifold brochure which was mailed out and received by our stakeholders. He has been discussing the Selection process with Robin & Ellen. Candidate Filing for Election commences Saturday. Because of vote by mail to the city’s portal, we have a **separate filing period** March 6th - April 6th, and a separate page at the website, for **selected** seats.
- **April meeting:** We will have a **Meet & Greet** with both **elected & selected** seat candidates.
 - **May meeting:** We will have a **Town Hall Selection Process;** the process concludes before Election Day.
 - **Chair issues:** Larry noted that the bylaws are silent on non-board members serving as chair for ad-hoc committees. Larry suggested Non-Board Member Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs: Complete Ethics Training, Complete Funding Training & Sign Code of Conduct & Regularly Attend Board Meetings during existence of ad-hoc committee.
 - Robin **moved** that any non-board member capable of serving in the capacity of chair have taken the ethics, funding and code of conduct. Larry noted that we have **consensus**. As to co-chairs, Larry noted that we do **not** have co-chairs; we have Chair & Vice Chair and could have a Chair & Vice Chair on ad hoc committees.
 - Ellen brought up non-board members having NC email address.
 - Bob Schlesinger noted that Mindy has resigned from the BCA board; she wants to continue on the NC, is up to date on ethics & other trainings and wants to continue to chair the Environmental Committee.

- i. **Important Dates on NC Elections:**
 - Candidate Filing Begins: February 6, 2021
 - Candidate Filing Ends: March 23, 2021
 - Certified List of Candidates Released: April 9, 2021
 - Vote-By-Mail Application Period Begins: April 9, 2021
 - Vote-By-Mail Application Period Ends: June 1, 2021
 - Election Day: Tuesday June 8, 2021
 - ii. **Schedule for Selection Process and Scheduled Meet & Greet**
 - Selection Candidate Filing Period: March 6, 2021 – April 6, 2021
 - Meet & Greet for Selected & Elected Seat Candidates – Prior to April 28th Board Meeting
 - Town Hall Selection – Prior to May 26th Board Meeting
- b) **Outreach Committee** – Ellen Evans, Chair – Next meeting: Monday February 8th @ 12:00 Noon: To talk a little about election outreach and the blood drive, and general website and newsletter.
 - c) **Planning & Land Use Committee** – Robert Schlesinger, Chair / Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair
Next meeting: Tuesday February 9th @ 5:00 PM – Stephanie related that she just sent the agenda list which will have two projects and four discussion items. March will be packed. Bob related that the Planning Department has become very active and has sent a lot of mail: 9-10 projects to get to Stephanie this week.
 - d) **Emergency Preparedness Committee** – Chuck Maginnis, Chair – Absent
Next meeting: Tuesday February 17th @ 5:00 PM
 - e) **Traffic Committee** – Irene Sandler, Chair – Meeting was held on Tuesday February 2nd @ 6:30pm
Irene she had guest speakers from DOT & two Officers from Western Division’s Community Traffic Service Unit RE: speeding & wild driving. The officer said they need letters and support to get officers to do the job we need to do and Robin asked Irene to write something up and give it to Cathy Palmer. Tim Fremaux from LADOT returned and was happy to have gotten the 2nd left turn lane on Mulholland & Skirball, after we asked for a double left-turn lane, and noted that Philip Enderwood provided a presentation on city data & Waze.
 - f) **Public Works and Telecommunications Committee** – Patricia Murphy, Chair, has meeting on the 26th. She reported having had difficulty reaching DWP’s Community Liaison, regarding Sunset West Trunk Line Project outside Marymount, breaking ground in late February. Following contact from a stakeholder, Patricia asked Ms. Hong whether an arborist’s report was completed to assess and mitigate impacts to trees in the work zone. Trees that may be affected include street trees on the High School front lawn & along perimeter of UCLA Campus. Despite enquiries, she had not received information from Ms. Hong. Robin wrote a letter to Jacqueline Landry, the Principal of Marymount High School, told her of the concern over the trees, and Ms. Landry said she would forward Robin’s letter to the Finance Director. Shawn Bayliss of BAA emailed her about the trees today.
 - g) **Neighborhood Purpose Grant Committee:** Members: Ellen Evans, André Stojka & Robin Greenberg
Ellen will schedule soon.

Reports of Ad Hoc Committee Chairs

- h) Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances – Stephanie Savage & Ellen Evans, Co-Chairs
Next Meeting: Thursday February 11th @ 12:00 Noon – Ellen had nothing else to report.
- i) Environmental Issues – Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair: Not present
- j) Continuing Teleconference Meetings after Safer-At-Home Order – Jamie Hall, Chair – Not Present

Reports of Newly-Created Ad Hoc Committees (as of 01-27-2021)

- k) LADBS Policies – Current Members: Stella Grey, Stephanie Savage, Leslie Weisberg, Cathy Wayne, Shawn Bayliss, Robert Schlesinger, Gail Sroloff & Robin Greenberg - Stephanie related that we will meet on 02/17 @ 4pm. Stella will send names of others interested in joining.
 - i. Appoint Stakeholder, Bobby Kwan, who has requested to join this LADBS Policies Committee. (He is also a part of the Ad Hoc Home Sharing and Party House Committee) **approved**
- l) Tree Removal and Notification - Members: Jamie Hall, Mindy Mann & Travis Longcore, Ph.D.

- m) Film Permits & Content Houses - Members: Stella Grey & Ellen Evans – If anyone wants to be on this, they will try to get some conditions for film permits and talk about if there is anything that can be done about contact houses, which have become a scourge in their neighborhood.
- n) Task Force on Redistricting – Members: Nickie Miner, Cathy Wayne & Ellen Evans

New Business (Discussion, Updates & Possible Motions)

- 15. **Discussion:** Regarding replacement of vacant At-Large seat. Discussed possibility of soliciting interest from a past board member or someone the board was familiar with, who has no desire to run for a seat, to avoid conflict. This would be a temporary seat until June election and the new board is seated. **No action was taken.**
- 16. **Discussion** was held regarding looking for a replacement for Board Treasurer, as Jacqueline Le Kennedy will resign that position as of March 1, though remains on the board throughout her term. Nickie Miner, current Assistant Treasurer, is interested in this position. **No action was taken.**
- 17. **Discussion and Possible Motion:** To appoint someone to the WRAC Homelessness Committee: **No action taken**
- 18. **CARE+ Cleanups / COVID-19 Crisis / Homeless Encampments / Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines**
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0031>
 - Discussion was held and it was decided to continue this; find out where LASAN & Paul Koretz stand on this.
- 19. **Discussion and Possible Motion:** According to Bob Anderson of SOHA, SB44 seems tailored to allow the proposed rail project through the Sepulveda Pass to avoid CEQA. Consider asking the BABCNC to request that our elected officials to adopt a resolution, saying that the City of LA include in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB44 & SB288
SB-44 California Environmental Quality Act: Streamlined Judicial Review: Environmental Leadership Transit Projects. (Senator Ben Allen) https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=20210220SB44
SB-288 California Environmental Quality Act: Exemptions: Transportation-related Projects (Weiner)
(Act to Amend has been signed by the Governor)
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB288
 - Robin asked Cathy Wayne to write a letter opposing this.
- 20. **CF# 20-0600-S83 FY 2020-21 Budget / LA Police Department / Reinvest Funds for Impacted Communities**
Discussion & Possible Motion: To recommend to the BABCNC to consider supporting the Mayor’s request of a revised proposal from City Council (per his Veto Letter) that includes funding a pilot for a 24/7 unarmed crisis response program for those nonviolent calls & intervention and prevention workers to help de-escalate conflict in communities.
Council File: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0600-S83>
Committee Report relative to the reinvestment of funds from the Los Angeles Police Department budget to impacted communities. https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0600-S83_rpt_bfc_12-7-20.pdf (**Attachment**)
Mayor’s Veto Letter: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0600-s83_rpt_MAYOR_12-21-20.pdf (**Attachment**)
 - Discussion was held; Robert Ringler noting that LAPD and community had a meeting with a representative from LAPD’s Mental Health Evaluation Unit. He noted that the police don’t like to respond to mental crises, some are drug induced, and there is a way to evaluate and when necessary bring in law enforcement. It is already in the works.
- 21. **Continued Discussion & Possible Motion:** Possible enhancements to the neighborhood council Zoom usage to submit to Raquel Beltran @ DONE. They are collecting these recommendations now.
 – Committee noted that LAPD uses Zoom and software has been updated to address the security issues.
- 22. **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) (Discussion & Possible Action)** – Robin Greenberg
 Report by Representative: WRAC met on Zoom on December 21st & recommended that the board support prioritizing school re-openings. Vote was taken to agendaize with 1 opposed: Cathy Wayne; passed.

23. **Discussion** on the board meeting agenda for February 24, 2021 Board Meeting
24. **Possible speaker for February 24, 2021 Board Meeting:** Kevin de Leon, newly-appointed Councilmember CD14
25. **Possible Future Speakers:** Assemblymember Laura Friedman, Mas Dojiri, Biodiversity Team Leader at LASAN, re Biodiversity Initiative, Greg Good, DPW President & Adel Hagekhalil, StreetsLA Exec. Director and General Manager. Let Robin know who you want to have speak; higher than lower.
26. **Announcements:**
- Harbor and West Regional Election Outreach Combined Session: Monday February 8th, 7:00-8:30pm. RSVP
 - Wendy Sue Rosen asked us to write on state responsibility and get a presentation on the Fire Safe Regulations to protect wildfires from coming into our neighborhoods and provide minimum fire standard. Presenters asked that we attend their presentation at the Hillside Federation's next meeting.
 - Irene noted, on Fire Safe Regulations, she was invited by an HOA on the Brentwood side for a 9:00 am Zoom meeting February 12th. She was told she could invite anyone but they don't want input from outside invitees.
27. **Good of the Order:**
- Dr. Whitford related that today the Toyon & Mexican Elderberry are protected by the Protected Tree Ordinance.
 - Bob noted that no-parking signs in BH City in the hills now say "Caution Fire Zone" at the bottom. Robin said to look into it.
 - Nickie was called by a Benedict Canyon friend about a home invasion at 2:00pm on January 30. Police came and arrested the culprit. People are looking for places to enter. Remember to lock our homes.
28. **Adjournment** Adjourned at 6:57pm. **Next Executive Committee Meeting: March 4th 2021 @ 5:00pm**