



Executive Committee Minutes

Thursday March 4, 2021 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

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Name	P	A	Name	P	A
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 <i>left at 5:30</i>	X	
Nickie Miner, Asst. Treasurer & Budget & Finance Chair	X		Larry Leisten, Bylaws, Rules & Elections Chair <i>arrived at 5:14 pm</i>	X	
Robert Schlesinger, Planning & Land Use Committee Chair	X		Patricia Murphy, Public Works & Telecoms Chair		X
Chuck Maginnis, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair		X	Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair	X	

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Robin Greenberg called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm with 6 present initially. Larry arrived at 5:14 for a total of 7, and Jamie left at 5:30 for a total of 6 again. Stephanie Savage was also present.
2. **Flag Salute**
3. **Motion:** Approval of March 4, 2021 Executive Committee AGENDA (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2) **Moved** by Ellen; **Seconded** by Bob; **6-0-0; passed**
4. **Motion:** Approval of February 4, 2021 (*Joint*) Executive (~~& B&F Meeting~~) MINUTES (Attachment) **Moved** by Bob; **Seconded** by Nickie; **6-0-0; passed**
5. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None.
6. **Review, Discussion & Possible Motion:** Review of training requirements of the City in light of some board members no longer in compliance for extended period. City requires completion of Ethics Training, Funding Training, and signing of Code of Conduct before being eligible for voting. Bylaws grant limited waiver. **No action taken**
7. **Reports of Officers**
 - a) President – Robin Greenberg: To shorten the agenda, Robin would like all committee chairs to provide a written attachment summarizing their agenda items, so that written agenda and committee reports can be briefer. Please submit to Cathy Palmer by Wednesday before the board meeting to accompany the agenda.
 - b) Vice President of Operations – Ellen Evans: If anyone has trouble with Google Drive, let her know.
 - c) Vice President of Legislative Affairs – Jamie Hall – He has been attending the Hollywood Community Plan Update. On March 18th there will be continued deliberations, no public hearing, just straight deliberations. He noted that Robin and Ellen were there last time. Jamie noted that of the successful things we did was advocate for open space e.g., city-owned lots, be rezoned to open space. In the past, City Council persons have sold those lots to developers. CM Raman agreed to it and he is trying to get the Planning Commission to agree to it.
 - d) Secretary – Robert Ringler – Not present

8. Reports of Committee Chairs

- a) Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee – Larry Leisten
- Drop Boxes: Larry has heard back from Nathan Singh and has learned that the Clerk’s office, without consultation with the neighborhood councils (NCs), has decided to save money by contracting with LA County for use of their drop boxes at existing locations.
 - The closest drop box for our NC is now at the Brentwood Library on San Vicente, which Larry thinks would be a tremendous burden for stakeholders on the eastern half of our territory, e.g., Laurel Canyon, North of Sunset and DSPNA. He proposed to Nathan that we have a 2nd drop-off box past the eastern extremity, such as at the HHWNC drop box location. We would have a box clearly marked for BABCNC. Nathan will pass this on to the City Clerk’s office.
 - Larry informed Nathan of the glitch of having two public seats for Bel Air District, as we only have one.
 - Larry has contacted a candidate for the Bel Air Glen District seat who does not qualify for that seat, and he presented to her other seats that she can represent. He’ll leave it to the Clerk’s office.
 - Voting Age & Youth Seat: Larry noted, as to the age qualifications to run for a seat, we had 18 as the minimum age. The City’s final ordinance has passed, lowering the age to 16. For the Youth Seat, they have substantially changed the qualifications. While our bylaws said at least 18 but no more than 25, the City’s ordinance changed that from 14 to no more than 18. One can be as young as 14 to vote for that seat. He suggested that we reach out to Jon Wimbish. Ellen knows a candidate who is 17 or 18.
 - *[Jamie left the meeting at 5:30pm.]*
 - Larry thinks a new unique ballot needs to be afforded to any voter younger than 16 for a youth seat, to vote only for the Youth seat.
 - Irene asked if we can ask Eli to intercede regarding the drop box and noted that the library has no parking.
 - Larry noted that the board chose to have a youth seat and can re-examine this with regard to the bylaws.
 - He noted that the drop boxes will now be there for several days.
- b) Outreach Committee – Ellen Evans, Chair – The committee met on March 1st.
- The Blood Drive is this Sunday at BAA from 11-5.
 - The committee is working on election promotion. They had a bump in the road when Twitter disallowed our ads, which Ellen is trying to fix. Facebook dropped the prohibition on political ads.
 - Ellen noted that the committee has put out a newsletter.
 - Jamie related that discrimination that still exists with gay men who are not allowed to give blood.
- c) Public Works & Telecom Committee – Patricia Murphy, Chair – Committee met February 26. Not present
- d) Planning & Land Use Committee – Chair Schlesinger, Vice Chair Savage Next meeting: Tuesday March 9th
- Bob noted that one of the things on the agenda is a re-write of the BOF that was discussed briefly last month. He would like to send it to Jamie before the weekend, before we have the meeting.
- e) Budget & Finance Committee – Nickie Miner, Chair noted that she has become Treasurer.
- f) Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis, Chair Next meeting: TBD
- g) Traffic Committee – Irene Sandler, Chair:
- Irene thinks that METRO should be on everyone’s radar. METRO had a big meeting of the Board and have selected two companies to flesh out their proposals. They will give the companies three years to do this.
 - She discussed the various options, noting that we still have not found out which routes they are planning to take, or if they will do tunneling – one large tunnel in two separate directions or two separate tunnels in different directions.
 - Irene noted that California was supposed to get over a billion dollars in Transportation funds but those funds are held up now they do not have the funds.
 - She proposed that Bob Anderson speak our next board meeting.
- h) Neighborhood Purpose Grant Committee: Members: Ellen Evans, André Stojka & Robin Greenberg: Ellen will try to have a meeting in the next few weeks.

Reports of Ad Hoc Committee Chairs

- i) Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances – Chair Evans / VC Savage Next meeting Thurs. March 18th 12:00
- Ellen noted that we will have CD5 talk about changing the Ordinance and Stephanie will be speaking with the LAPD events coordinator.
- j) Environmental Issues – Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair Next Meeting: Friday March 5th @ 1:00 PM
- Mindy, who was not present, shared via email that the House passed Adam Schiff’s “Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act,” legislation to preserve open space. She hopes it passes in the Senate.
<https://schiff.house.gov/news/press-releases/house-passes-schiffs-rim-of-the-valley-corridor-preservation-act2021>
- Mindy related the message via telephone today that three weeks ago, she had a meeting with CD5 Representatives and spoke with Robin about planning a series of environmental webinars or a town hall to educate the community about the Santa Monica Mountains.
- k) Continuing Teleconference Meetings after Safer-At-Home Order – Jamie Hall – Not present

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

- l) LADBS Policies: Chair Stella Gray / Vice Chair, Stephanie Savage Stephanie noted that they just had their meeting, will separate out projects and maintain focus on goals to communicate with LADBS on specific items.
- m) Tree Removal and Notification: Members: Mindy Mann, Jamie Hall & Travis Longcore, Ph.D. – None present
- n) Film Permits & Content Houses: Stella Gray Chair with Ellen Evans: Next Meeting Thurs. March 11th 12:00
- o) Task Force on Redistricting: Chair, Nickie Miner & Members Cathy Wayne & Ellen Evans – No report

New Business (Discussion, Updates & Possible Motions)

- 9. **Discussion & Update**: Possible Candidates to fill At-Large Seat vacancy at this point are Robinson Farber and Maureen Levinson, who are not running in the June 8th election, and Barbara Dawson who is likely running.
- 10. **Discussion & Possible Motion**: To appoint someone to the WRAC Homelessness Committee.
- Robin noted that CD5 is also putting together a homelessness committee.
- Ellen asked if we should put this in our newsletter.
- Rob Farber volunteered to be a stakeholder member on the WRAC Homelessness Committee. He will consider the CD5 Committee when more information about this is available.
- 11. **Discussion & Possible Motion**: Appoint board members to be responsible for subscribing to LA METRO, CPC, and Board of Forestry and Fire Protection for upcoming hearing dates. Irene volunteered to subscribe to METRO.
- 12. **Reports, Updates & Possible Motion to Agendize from Robin on Recent Hearings**:

- a) **LA Metro** Thursday, February 25, 2021, item #41: Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project: recommendation: receive and file staff recommendation for the award of up to two contracts to furnish all goods and services required for the performance of pre-development for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project
<https://www.metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor/>
- b) **City Planning Commission** Thursday, February 25, 2021 item #10 City Sign Ordinance; BABCNC CIS “the BABCNC supports the sign ordinance version B+”. The February 25, 2021 meeting voted to support Version B+. http://listserv.lacity.org/cgi-bin/wa.exe?SUBED1=PLN_CITYPLNAGENDA&A=1
- c) **Board of Forestry and Fire Protection** Wednesday, February 24, 2021: staff would like to propose that where an existing road cannot provide a 14 foot wide traffic lane for at least 22 feet of length at a certain frequency or interval, no commercial, industrial or residential development be allowed until the road meets the minimum standards. SB55: per BOF, the BOF code that goes into effect as of July 1st, to include a right to rebuild after a fire in a fire zone and limits the right to rebuild to what was previously on site. <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/>

13. **Discussion and Possible Motion** on the board meeting agenda for March 24, 2021 Board Meeting, Irene would like to ask Bob Anderson to speak about METRO projects since it affects so many communities. Robin related that she has put out an invitation to Laura Friedman and if she says no, we can ask Bob to come the next month.
14. **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 - Ellen would like a few meetings without speakers once a quarter.
15. Meet the Candidates: EmpowerLa link: <https://clerkappsele.lacity.org/NCElection/nccandidates>
16. **Important Dates on NC Elections:**
 - 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
17. **Good of the Order:** The committee discussed getting the COVID-19 vaccine.
18. **Adjournment:** Adjourned at 6:15pm **Next Executive Committee Meeting: April 8th 2021 @ 5:00pm**

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